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Ford seek end to strike with new pay offer

By Tim Jones

- **The Ford strike could be called off after pressure on British management from the parent company in America**
- **Pressure on union leaders to settle was also intense, and a new offer is likely to be presented today**
- **Union leaders at Land-Rover sanctioned strike action from Sunday after rejecting a pay deal**
- **Pay talks at Vauxhall in Luton were thrown into confusion when unions voted different ways on an offer**

The damaging strike by 32,500 workers at Ford could be called off later this week after pressure from the parent company in Detroit for British management to back down from plans to impose a three-year pay deal.

As Ford appeared to be heading for a settlement, union leaders at Land-Rover decided to sanction strike action from next Sunday after the rejection of a two-year, 14 per cent pay deal. Mr Tony Gilroy, the company's managing director, said the decision was "the saddest day of my industrial career".

At Ford, a senior union official said that executives in the US were prepared to allow the Dagenham-based management team to take on the workforce in its attempt to impose Japanese-style work practices, but became "horrified" as the dispute threatened its entire European operation at an estimated cost in lost production of £40m a day.

Pressure on union leaders to settle is also intense, with the Transport and General Workers' Union and the Amalgamated Engineering Union committed to paying £400,000 and £140,000 in strike pay respectively.

The company is today expected to offer a two-year pay deal worth 7 per cent this year and 2.5 per cent plus inflation linking next year. Crucially, union leaders believe Ford will modify its plans for a radical change in work practices by dropping its insistence that skilled craftsmen should undertake unskilled work on the assembly line.

Ford management, however, will continue to maintain that a two-year pay deal cannot be conceded without a commitment from the unions that demarcation lines must be breached by the introduction of more flexible working practices.

The initiative for the Ford breakthrough came after secret talks between Mr John Hougham, Ford personnel director, Mr Ron Todd of the TGWU, and Mr Bill Jordan, president of the AEU. After the initial contact, Mr Mick Murphy, chairman of the Ford National Joint Negotiating Committee, and Mr Jimmy Airlie of the AEU became involved.

Addressing shop stewards in Liverpool at the weekend, Mr Airlie said: "I have no crystal ball to work out how long the strike will last but unless the company has a quick rethink and comes to its senses then Ford's prominence and reputation in Europe and at home will deteriorate quickly".

He added: "The strike has made it clear to management that the length of its proposed contract agreement and the efficiency levels attached to it were totally unacceptable."

Production stoppages at all Ford plants in Britain has been costing the company more than £20 million a day, but that figure has doubled because of the effects on the European operation.

At Genk, in Belgium, 9,700 workers have been laid off at the Sierra and Transit plant; in West Germany, workers at Duren, Saarlouis and Cologne faced similar problems; and plants in Portugal and Spain were faced with serious shortages of UK-supplied components.

At today's talks, the union side will also seek guarantees from the company that its will maintain the "headcount" and will drop plans to reduce the workforce by 3,000.

Agreement to hold today's talks were announced after a meeting in London of the trade union side of the Ford National Joint Negotiating Committee.

After the decision by union officials at Land-Rover, the company called for a second vote among the workforce to be held. A spokesman for the company said they believed that when they voted to reject the offer, the workers believed they were merely acting to strengthen the hand of negotiators.

Mr Gilroy has said the offer was "fair and final" and that strike action would not lead to more money being offered. Although the company has considerably improved its trading position, unlike Ford, it is not in a strong position to withstand a damaging and prolonged loss of production.

On a turn-over of about £200 million for the first half of the current financial year, its pre-tax trading profit was



Mr Tony Gilroy: saddest day of my industrial career

£7 million. Mr Gilory warned the strike would jeapordize all the company had fought to achieve over the last five years.

At Vauxhall's plant in Luton, pay talks have been thrown into confusion after members of the transport union voted by 951 to 936 to reject a two-year deal worth between 11 per cent and 14 per cent while members of the AEU voted six-to-four in favour.

Mr Mick Longley, AEU convenor at the plant, said: "There will now have to be a lot of hard work from both the union and management side to get this sorted out"

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The new boy arrives early



Prince Edward complete with tea bags arriving for work (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance).

Theatre is Prince's cup of tea

By Alan Hamilton

Prince Edward arrived for his first day as a West End theatrical production assistant yesterday clutching a box of tea bags, a clear sign that he understands the most vital duty of those who start at the bottom of any profession.

The Queen's youngest son, who is aged 23, was 10 minutes early at the Palace Theatre in Cambridge Circus, the headquarters of Mr Andrew Lloyd Webber's Really Useful Company, which has given the Prince his much-desired break at a salary reported to be £10,000 a year.

Prince Edward retains his Civil List allowance of £20,000 a year.

Staff have been asked to treat him like any other employee, but few theatrical hopefuls arrive in an official limousine, have a rose presented by an admirer in the crowd in front of a jostling battery of cameras, and have a personal detective in permanent attendance. Nor do they have the building searched by police with sniffer dogs.

Prince Edward is not expected to take to the stage in any of the immensely successful Lloyd Webber productions. Instead, he will have an unglamorous role backstage, handling organization, paperwork — and tea.

Howe goes into attack over size of Soviet forces

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, took the offensive on arms control yesterday, castigating the Kremlin for a lack of *glasnost* about the size of its conventional forces and spelling out Britain's refusal to include its nuclear arsenal in current negotiations on cutting strategic missiles.

During more than five hours of talks with Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, his Soviet counterpart, and in a hard-hitting speech, Sir Geoffrey also demanded that the Soviet Union work towards establishing a new representative government in Kabul if and when its 115,000 troops leave Afghanistan.

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Sir Geoffrey, who will today press home personally Mrs Thatcher's invitation to Mr Gorbachov to visit London later this year, also staunchly defended the right of Nato countries to modernize their nuclear forces in the face of what Whitehall detects as a Kremlin propaganda campaign to halt this.

Referring to the British deterrent, Sir Geoffrey spelled out the Government's determination to hold Mr Gorbachov to his word, given in Iceland in 1985, and refuse to be sucked in to the negotiations between Moscow and Washington on cutting strategic nuclear arsenals by half.

Sir Geoffrey said: "No one should mistake this for passionate attachment to nuclear weapons for their own sake. Nuclear weapons are a means to an end, and that end is peace . . . that is why we attach so much importance to our deterrent."

Turning to conventional weapons, Sir Geoffrey lambasted the Soviet side for blocking progress at the Mutual Balance Force Reduction (MBFR) talks in Vienna, which have now dragged on for more than 15 years, by *refusing to acknowledge* Moscow's "massive superiority" in conventional arms. "This has blocked the way to progress in the MBFR. It has a huge impact on how Western public opinion views the Soviet Union. We publish our defence figures every year. You do not publish yours. Why not?"

Despite Sir Geoffrey's criticisms, officials cited the atmosphere of the visit as a sign of further consolidation of improvements in Anglo-Soviet relations.

Waldheim tells Austria he has no need to quit

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

President Waldheim of Austria told the nation last night that he refused to resign over the controversial report on his wartime activities, and suggested that he might sue those who had "defamed" him.

In a five-minute broadcast Dr Waldheim said that he would not contemplate any "premature departure from office".

"You, my dear Austrians, have elected me with a convincing majority for a period of six years. Thus it is no longer a question just of my personality but a question of democracy.

"It is a fundamental principle of a democracy that an election result cannot be subsequently corrected."

Suggesting that he would take legal steps against those who had "defamed" him, Dr Waldheim insisted that he would "act decisively" against those who had claimed to have proof that he was a war criminal.

Sources close to the president said last night that legal action against the West German magazine *Der Spiegel* for publishing a telegram purporting to link Dr Waldheim to the deportation of civilians would be announced soon.

In a thinly-veiled reference to the threat by Chancellor Franz Vranitzky that he would resign if the Waldheim controversy did not calm down, Dr Waldheim warned that such talk threatened Austrian stability.

"I appeal to all, especially those with political responsibilities, not to pour oil on troubled waters. They should place their state before their party," Dr Waldheim said.

In a display of controlled but convincing emotion Dr Waldheim vigorously criticized those who had accused him in the past.

"My accusers have not stopped at anything. They have manipulated, lied and faked. They have called me a murderer, a war criminal and a liar. Without mercy I have been interrogated from day to day about events which occurred more than 40 years ago."

Appealing to the Austrian post-war tradition of consensus, Dr Waldheim said: "It is for me to place what unites us above that which divides us. I shall continue to seek peace with those who are offended and those who have pursued me with hatred in their hearts."

But the president emphasized: "A head of state cannot and should not weaken in the face of calumny, hate-filled demonstrations and unreasonable condemnation. Such a weakening would only weaken our state."

Despite his reiteration of what has now become his standard defence against those who have accused him, Dr Waldheim none the less conceded certain points about the way he had handled his past.

For the first time he said

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Thatcher claims a victory on EEC

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Mrs Thatcher yesterday said the Brussels agreement on Common Market finance represented 95 per cent of what Britain had set out to achieve.

She gave a warning that unless the new arrangements on agricultural price controls were put into legally binding form, she would still not sanction any increase in the Common Market budget.

She told MPs that the agreement had cleared the way *for the most important* development in Europe — the creation of a single market by 1992.

She quoted a series of Continental newspapers to show that other European nations believed that Britain had won a victory. But Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, said that she had "run away".

Mrs Thatcher said that Britain's objectives had all been achieved.

Any further increase in EEC resources was to be accompanied by effective and legally binding controls on expenditure; there would be effective measures to reduce agricultural surpluses; automatic price penalties on individual commodities and there would be no oil and fats tax.

Mr Teddy Taylor, Tory MP for Southend East, criticized the decision to sanction a spending increase of 25 per cent for an organization spending £233 million a week on dumping and destroying food and £40 million a week on "financing fraud".

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Mr Hattersley said later: "The nature of the Prime Minister's performance, to attempt to bury it all under a word mountain to an empty House, demonstrates how insecure she felt about the result".

New hope for 600,000 jobless

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Ministers believe that the number of unemployed in Britain can be reduced dramatically by a training scheme to be unveiled to MPs to-day by Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment.

A survey conducted for the Department of Employment, the results of which will be released with the White Paper on training to be published today shows that there are 700,000 job vacancies in any one month in Britain, compared with only 250,000 available through Jobcentres.

Ministers believe that by tailoring training more effectively to employers' needs through the new £1.5 billion scheme, they can help as many as 600,000 people a year back to work.

Unemployment is running at around 2.6 million, having come down by 600,000 over the past 18 months. Some of the biggest falls have been in the North-west, the West Midlands and Wales.

Ministers are particularly heartened that the new survey shows that vacancies are spread around the country and not concentrated in London and the South East.

Along with the new training scheme the Government plans to run two big advertising campaigns in national newspapers to help the unemployed back to work.

One set of advertisements will be designed to set out to unemployed people the benefits which they can continue to collect when in work, such as Family Income Supplement, soon to become the Family Credit system. Too many unemployed people believe that they will lose all their benefits on taking up a job and are reluctant to do so.

The second campaign, a more radical departure from past practice, will be to advertise to employers on behalf of the unemployed. Ministers

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Israelis celebrate mine attack on PLO ferry

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Israel is clearly pleased that a hole has been blown in the car ferry Sol Phryne in Limassol harbour, Cyprus, putting out of action the 6,115-ton ship in which 130 deported Palestinians, together with journalists and observers, were to have sailed for Israel under the aegis of the PLO.

But officials skirted around questions of direct Israeli involvement in the incident.

"It's certainly something that people felt needed doing," a senior official said yesterday. "It's war we're involved in, it's not playing about."

Asked if the Second World War limpet mine which opened a two-foot hole in the vessel's port side had been placed by agents of Mossad, the Israeli secret service, the official said: "You can draw your own conclusions."

Earlier yesterday, before news of the explosion was made public, Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Defence Minister, told an audience of schoolchildren that the Government had decided "within the framework of various constraints" not to let the boat reach Israeli shores".

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Bush beats about for answer to wimp factor

From Frank Johnson, Merrimack, New Hampshire

The US presidential drama is now focused on the fate of Vice-President George Bush.

It was not always so. For months, it looked as if he were going to win easily. But by yesterday, he had about him the air of gentlemanly panic which has marked his campaigning since the opinion polls began to turn against him eight days ago. That was when New Hampshire learned that, in the Iowa caucuses, he had been beaten — not just by Iowa's neighbour, the Kansan senator, Mr Robert Dole — but by the Rev Pat Robertson.

The generally accepted view here is that it is all to do with the idea that Mr Bush is a "wimp" — a word of indeterminate meaning in US politics. What it seems to mean is that a man is not tough enough. What, on inspection, it really means is that he is not disagreeable enough — disagreeable, that is, not to voters, but to convenient targets such as Washington civil servants, foreign terrorists, or rivals.

So the well brought-up Mr Bush has spent these last few days jumping on and off snow ploughs wearing a variety of lorry drivers' caps and — worse — eating the calorie-rich cuisine in a variety of lorry drivers' restaurants.

Yesterday morning, one day after a poll in *The Boston Globe* put Senator Dole slightly in the lead for the first time, Mr Bushfound that the *Boston Herald* had done the same. Mr Dole led Mr Bush by one point — 32 per cent to 31 per cent. The three conservatives, Mr Robertson, Representative Jack Kemp, and the former Governor of Delaware, Mr Pete du Pont, were bunched together, each at 8 to 9 per cent. Eight days ago, in the same poll, Mr Bush was nine points ahead of Mr Dole.

Their contest was last night so close that it was impossible to tell who would win.

It was being said that the Vice-President had been harmed by his lack of "vision". One could see why this might harm him against the preacher, Mr Robertson. If the Republican nomination comes down to a contest at seeing visions, Mr Robertson will presumably be a hard man to beat. But Mr Dole is hardly a visionary.

Perhaps it is Mr Bush's prosaic reaction to his lack of vision which has caused the problem. Just as he — and most other American politicians — would talk about "the deficit thing" or "the IMF thing", so Mr Bush mechanically refers to "the vision thing" as if visions were topics like any other on which a politician should have a position.

Presumably, his campaign strategist told him he had a problem with the vision thing. But there was no need for him to go around in public mentioning that "the vision thing" was something he must overcome. After a while, Mr Bush came to resemble a character in Edgar Allan Poe — or at least the works of the best-selling horror writer, Stephen King — writers whose grim tales are often set in New

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Police move on mortgage inquiry

A special team of police officers has been set up in Bristol to investigate further alleged mortgage frauds in the West of England.

Solicitors and estate agents are being questioned about the sale of at least 40 expensive country properties. The cases are said to stretch from Devon to Gloucester. The alleged swindles are said to be "unrelated" and many professional people are being investigated.

The new inquiry follows an alleged £3 million mortgage fraud centred on Bristol said to involve cheaper houses.

A number of solicitors and estate agents were arrested in dawn raids last October and bailed on charges of conspiring to defraud a building society or other financial institutions.

Yesterday 44 men and women were remanded in their absence by Bristol magistrates until April 19.

Vote on hanging

MPs will have the opportunity this spring to vote on the restoration of capital punishment for murder.

Mr Roger Gale, Conservative MP for North Thanet, said he and other MPs would be tabling an amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill giving the courts the right to impose capital punishment for all kinds of murder, leaving the jury to recommend and the judge to determine what sentence should be passed.

This will be the first time the new Parliament has voted on the issue.

Witness killed

A prostitute who was due to give evidence at an attempted murder trial has been found stabbed to death.

The body of Lynette White, aged 20, was found on Sunday in a Cardiff flat

She had been due to give evidence at Cardiff Crown Court in the case of Francine Maria Cordle, aged 23, of Bute Street, Cardiff, who denies attempting to murder a prostitute.

After hearing of Miss White's death yesterday, Judge Roch discharged the jury and ordered a retrial.

Broadcast on benefits

Advice and information about changes in the social security benefits system will be broadcast by BBC Radio 1 at the end of this month.

The campaign *Who Benefits?* will explain changes in the benefits system which come into effect on April 1. A phone-in service will also be provided.

Mr Johnny Beerling, controller of Radio 1, said a large part of the station's young audience would be affected by the replacement of supplementary benefit with a new form of income support.

Cathedral appeal

Worcester Cathedral yesterday launched a restoration appeal for £10 million. Much of the medieval structure is held together with twine, it has been disclosed.

When it was last restored more than 100 years ago money ran out and some of the decaying stone work was merely rendered and held in place with twine tied to screws.

An initial £4 million is sought, which will be invested to generate the balance required to restore the masonry over 15 years. The 196ft tower is otherwise in danger of collapsing.

Video survey

A study is to be launched this month to find out why some people do not hire pre-recorded video tapes.

RCA/Columbia Pictures Video is holding the survey in an attempt to attract viewers who have given up, or never acquired, the habit.

More than half the users of Britain's 10,500,000 video recorders hire pre-recorded tapes but almost 30 per cent are classified as "lapsed or occasional" hirers. Most are from the top ABC1 marketing sector. The 27 per cent of users who hire tapes at least twice-weekly are, on average, less well off.

Award over Aids bias

A homosexual who claimed he was dismissed because fellow workers were afraid of catching Aids, has won his legal fight against wrongful dismissal.

Mr Michael Buck, aged 45, a former cinema projectionist, of Willow Grove, Harrogate, accepted £2,000 damages in an out-of-court settlement.

He said after his appeal in London was formally allowed on undisclosed settlement terms, that he had not wanted his job back at the Letchworth Palace cinema in Hertfordshire, where he had worked for 17 years before he was dismissed in November 1986. He moved to Yorkshire and was still looking for work.

Alarm over rise in paramilitary kneecappings

By John Cooney

Kneecapping, a punishment long-practised by the Irish Republican Army, is rising dramatically in Northern Ireland.

Security authorities in Belfast are alarmed at the increase in what are termed "punishment shootings" and that "Loyalist" paramilitaries seem to be adopting the tactic. There were 124 kneecappings last year, compared to 74 in 1986.

The IRA has used kneecapping since the 1920s to demonstrate that it can "police" local communities.

Crimes deemed to warrant kneecapping range from burglary to mugging. Victims of kneecapping are often frightened to talk of their ordeal. They fear a second visit, and are convinced they are always under surveillance.

One, who agreed to talk to *The Times*, insisted on anonymity. "Sean" was a petty criminal by the time he was 17. He specialized in stealing radios and cassette players from Belfast shops.

He thought he knew the risks: probation, perhaps, for the first offence: a few months in youth custody or, if he was unlucky, jail later on.

That was 13 years ago, and Sean's career in petty crime is now at an end. It was not the police or judiciary who ended it but three hooded men who knocked on his door one night in 1974 as he watched television with his mother at his west Belfast home. The men were members of the IRA.

Sean had committed his crimes in a staunchly Catholic working class area. He had also chosen to ignore a friend's advice that his activities had attracted the attention of paramilitaries. The local IRA brigade had already met to discuss his case. Their verdict: he was to be kneecapped.

Two of the men grabbed him and held him face down on the settee. The third pulled out a gun and carefully shot him twice in the back joints of both legs. Then, without a word, they left.

Sean was in an operating theatre at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast for more than two hours as doctors battled to save his legs.

The bullets didn't find their mark and smash his kneecaps, but hit the joints which, with extensive and meticulous surgery, could be repaired.

For six months afterwards Sean was housebound. It was another six months before he could walk again.

Sean suffered nightmares for years and spent many hours with psychiatrists.

There was little sympathy from the local community. In an area where everyone knows everybody else's business, Sean became the butt of a great deal of personal abuse, and eventually, the housing executive had to move his family to another estate.

Sean is now married, with three children. He works in a city centre shop and walks with a permanent limp.

His sole ambition is to save enough money to emigrate. The limp marks him out as an IRA victim, and he can never form friendships or win the trust of strangers.

Many kneecapping victims are unable to walk at all.

The paramilitaries have various ways of inflicting their "punishment", with sawn-off shotguns, pistols, revolvers, concrete blocks, bricks, sledgehammers, pickaxe handles, hurley sticks, baseball bats, iron bars and even nails.

Taking cars for joyrides, an increasing crime in Belfast, has attracted the attention of the paramilitaries. So many youths have been kneecapped for stealing cars in the last 12 months that one local spot where victims are taken has been dubbed "Kneecap Alley".

Higher charges for private patients in NHS hospitals

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

The Government yesterday issued a list of new charges for private patients treated under the National Health Service. It will allow health authorities to increase charges by more than 6 per cent.

The guideline figures are only expected to cover hospital costs. Under guidance issued last year authorities can set their own charges; they are still not allowed to make a profit but legal changes to allow hospitals to profit from NHS pay beds are currently going through Parliament.

The new charges are on average 6.3 per cent higher than last year. However, the price of a single room in a psychiatric hospital has risen from £70 per night to £85, an increase of 21.4 per cent.

Charges in the more competitive acute sector have been held down and the model figures suggest that London teaching hospitals should raise prices by only 3.2 per cent – to £226 per night – while provincial teaching hospitals should charge an extra 4.6 per cent.

The Government has also suggested significant rises in charges for clinical support specialties, such as radiography (8 per cent), physiotherapy (10)and occupational therapy (21). Consultation charges go up by 7.7 per cent.

Announcing the new prices last night, Mr Tony Newton, the health minister, said that each authority should set new charges on April 1. "They will do so either by setting their own charges to recover costs or by adopting a centrally-calculated list of model charges."

The announcement came as hospitals prepared for today's day of action, coordinated by the Confederation of Health Service Employees, which is likely to involve between 2,000 and 3,000 nurses and other NHS staff.

Staff in up to 20 hospitals in London and the South-east, where strike ballots have been held, plan to walk out for 24 hours. The most severe action tomorrow will be in the south eastern district of London, which also includes Kent and east Sussex.

Some COHSE branches are concentrating on demonstrations rather than walk-outs, and yesterday duty nurses and health workers handed out leaflets outside Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children.

COHSE's south eastern regional secretary, Mr John Jaggon, said that pickets and demonstrations would be mounted outside the hospital gates. Shorter walk-outs, marches and rallies are planned elsewhere, including Maidstone, Eastbourne and Brighton.

Mr Jaggon promised that patients would not suffer as a result of the industrial action.

COHSE has around 22,000 members in the capital's hospitals – 15,000 qualified and unqualified nurses and 7,000 other workers.

The COHSE members at hospitals in other London regions are also planning to join the day of protest, which will culminate in a march, involving up to 1,000 NHS staff, ending in a rally at Lambeth Town Hall where a rally will take place.

Second heart boy is dead

By Craig Seton

A second child has died at Birmingham Children's Hospital after undergoing heart surgery that had been postponed because of a shortage of intensive care nurses.

Scott Kimberley, aged 16 months, died within hours of Matthew Collier, aged four, in the hospital's intensive care unit on Sunday. Matthew died 33 days after undergoing a 10-hour heart operation that had been postponed three times.

His parents had sought a High Court order in an unsuccessful attempt to force the hospital to bring forward his operation.

The two children, who occupied adjoining beds in the unit, were among more than 100 children on the hospital's waiting list for heart surgery which had grown because there were not enough trained nurses.

Scott Kimberley, from Bromsgrove, Hereford and Worcester, suffered from a heart and valve defect. His operation, also postponed three times since September, was carried out on January 16.

However, according to his family, he was released from intensive care after only four days and was re-admitted last week after developing a serious lung complaint.

Mrs Julie Kimberley, aged 20, his mother, was with him when he died.

Mr Ted Etheridge, Mrs Kimberley's father, said the child "was turned away three times because there were not enough beds".

Yesterday Young at Heart, an organization representing the parents of children awaiting heart surgery at the hospital, staged a march to the offices of the West Midlands Regional Health Authority to protest about the delays in surgery.

Thatcher's children



Younger than springtime: children share the unseasonal sunshine with Mrs Thatcher as she left Downing Street for the House of Commons yesterday. (Photograph: John Manning).

GCSE credibility in danger

Exam 'is at risk of collapse'

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

The GCSE, the new school-leaving examination, could "collapse like a house of cards" if people persisted in attacking it, an education executive said yesterday.

Mr Peter Dines, the chief executive of the government-appointed Secondary Examinations Council, said its credibility was being put at risk by a growing chorus of criticism from teachers, right-wing educationists and some universities.

Mr Dines, who is responsible for co-ordinating the introduction of the examination, gave a warning that it was like a banknote: it worked only if people believed in it.

"The GCSE is going better than any of us dared hope", he said. "It has already caused a revolution in the classroom. It has changed teaching methods and excited pupils. It will undoubtedly raise standards for all."

Mr Dines described the views of Mr Chris McGovern, the head of history at Lewes Priory Upper School in East Sussex, who has told parents that the GCSE is "virtually unteachable", as an aberration. "He may be saying that but 5,000 secondary schools are not."

He was similarly dismissive of the fears of Mr Ivan Bowler, the headmaster of Littlemead Grammar School in Chichester, who has told parents to disregard their children's GCSE examination grades because the marking standards of pupils' course work varied so widely.

Mr Dines said: "There is a myth that written exams like O levels actually deliver the goods. In fact, the marking of an O-level paper could be out by plus or minus one grade. It was quite as haphazard as anything the GCSE is accused of."

Mr Dines said many right-wing educationists criticized the GCSE because they did not share its philosophy, which was equal opportunities for all rather than the creation of an elite.

He described as "utterly ludicrous" the fear voiced recently by Mr Michael McCrum, the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University, that the GCSE's shortcomings could force the university to introduce four-year degrees in some subjects.

He also rejected a warning from the Secondary Heads Association, which represents most heads and deputies in secondary schools, that a smaller proportion of less able pupils would take the new examination because they were overwhelmed by the course work.

"There are not statistics on this yet", Mr Dines said. "I don't know why the heads have said that."

He said GCSE, which is to be taken for the first time this summer by 600,000 pupils in England and Wales, would stand or fall by its results. He said there would be great pressure to ensure that the grades awarded by the GCSE examination boards were not markedly different from those given by their predecessors.

Engineers make new robot arm

By Robert Matthews
Technology Correspondent

Humans may soon be relieved of the task of looking after the world's bridges, after a breakthrough by British robot engineers.

Slingsby Engineering of Kirkbymoorside, North Yorkshire, claimed yesterday to have built a robot arm which has greater dexterity than the human arm.

Capable of moving in nine different ways, two more than the human arm, the automated limb is set to revolutionize the use of robots in industry.

Mr Andrew Taylor, chief robotics engineer, said that the breakthrough came during work for an American oil exploration company. The firm wanted a robot arm capable of "extreme dexterity", enabling it to work in confined spaces, inspecting and cleaning drilling equipment at sea.

The design team gave the arm two more wrists than its human counterpart, enabling it to double back on itself. Code-named the TA-33, it has a reach of 5 ft 9 in, and can manoeuvre a load of more than five stones deep underwater.

Set up on one side of a bridge, the robot could inspect, clean and paint all areas in all weathers, Mr Taylor said. Its operation would be controlled by engineers using a miniaturized version of the arm, the movement of which is mimicked by the arm on-site.

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Man in the news

Defender of the air lanes

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Mr Keith Mack, Controller of National Air Traffic Services, remained sanguine yesterday in the face of an unprecedented vote of no confidence made against him by trade union representatives.

"I would be very bitter and disillusioned if I felt that the controllers themselves felt the same way", he said yesterday after a weekend of listening to complaints from the Institute of Professional Civil Servants against his management and leadership. "But I believe the men who are doing the job do not feel that way.

"The trouble is the meeting at which the vote was taken is attended by trade union activists, and their leader – who claims he cannot discuss safety issues with me – has never been an air traffic controller."

Mr Mack, aged 55, is sticking to his views that air travel is as safe as it can possibly be made, and will not discuss technical changes in the way the system is managed with those who are not air traffic controllers.

"I was a member of the union for 20 years", he said. "I know the problems and the pressures which air traffic controllers work under. I am fighting tooth and nail to make sure we have a safe and reliable system. But many of the questions we need to address are highly complex and, although I am talking constantly to air traffic controllers, I regard the trade union role as one of negotiating pay and conditions and not detailed safety and technical matters."

Mr Mack was told by a colleague of the vote against him by 56 union delegates to the IPCS air traffic controllers' branch meeting in Stockport.

"I was staggered at first but I am determined not to alter my determination to work for the people at the sharp end – the controllers."

He claims he has had many calls of support from individual controllers.

More traffic in the air, more airlines flying, more aircraft and more passengers are the problems, he says. Time is needed to create additional facilities and resources to ensure that they are safe.

He is determined to put a limit on the number of aircraft which can enter British air space at any one time by instituting "flow control" – keeping aircraft away until they can be handled safely without too much strain on controllers.

"The problem is that that means spreading them out during the day and thereby making the pressure periods last longer", he said. "We have very experienced controllers and scientists constantly monitoring this to ensure that the duty controllers do not become over-loaded. But unfortunately, often for political reasons, the unions are trying to dictate to us how this should be organized."

Mr Mack, who has been appointed to be director general of Eurocontrol, the European air traffic system, will be leaving in September to take up his new duties. "I shall be working until the last day on behalf of the controllers", he said.

Training initiative criticized

By John Spicer
Employment Affairs Correspondent

An attack on the Government's £1.5 billion adult training programme, due to be outlined in a White Paper today, has been launched in London.

The Campaign for Work, supported by trade unions, some local authorities and unemployed people, lobbied Parliament yesterday in an attempt to get the proposed scheme amended.

The programme will bring several schemes – such as the Community Programme and YTS – into a unified project by the autumn and should provide up to 600,000 training places for the long-term unemployed.

Critics said yesterday that it would "create a new second class of workers" with few rights and no status or protection from abuse.

The campaign also said that no additional resources were being provided to pay for good training, doing little to tackle Britain's acute skills shortages.

Universities' fears on Bill

By Our Education Correspondent

The Government could dictate to Oxford University how to spend the £200 million it is hoping to raise through an international appeal, unless the Education Reform Bill is amended, the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals said yesterday.

Professor Sir Mark Richmond, the chairman of the committee, described clause 92 of the Bill, which sets out new arrangements for funding higher education through a Universities Funding Council, as an "extension of the nanny state".

He said universities should be free to exploit their earnings from private sources without state interference.

Sir Mark said the Government block grant to universities 10 years ago accounted for 77 per cent of their income on average. Now the proportion was only 57 per cent and at some universities, including Oxford, it was less than half.

"We don't want the UFC telling us how to deploy the money we earn by our own enterprise. Modification of this clause is vital if universities are to continue to adapt flexibly to the needs of their customers", he said.

Sir Mark accused the Government of setting out to nationalize universities at the same time as it was seeking to set schools free of local authority control.

He said the vice-chancellors were demanding changes to clause 94, which, as it stood, gave the Secretary of State for Education and Science powers to "intervene very directly and precisely in the affairs of single institutions".

The powers would allow the Government to bring great pressure to bear to exact compliance and conformity, Sir Mark said.

"They strike right to the heart of academic freedom. The CVCP's objective is to minimize the risk of direct and narrow political interference." Cambridge University said yesterday that the Bill was not an acceptable framework for relations between the universities and the Government. The Council of Senate said in a statement that it did not seek to wreck the Bill but that if it was not amended it should be withdrawn for further consideration.

How Lawson can slash tax rates with a blitz on perks

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, could embark on an indefinite programme of tax reductions if he launches a sustained attack on tax relief and tax-free perks in the March 15 Budget.

Tax relief on pensions costs the Exchequer an annual £10 billion, while mortgage interest relief amounts to £4.75 billion and lost revenue from company cars to £1.1 billion. Scrapping these would provide Mr Lawson with incentive to cut the basic rate of income tax in stages by 10p in the pound, or to replace higher tax rates with a single rate of 20p in the pound.

However, this is unlikely. A move against tax relief which has encouraged large-scale investment in forestry in Scotland is considered to be a stronger possibility.

Since 1979, when Sir Geoffrey Howe declared that perks were wasteful and divisive, the tendency has been towards more tax relief and a growth in the use of existing perks, notably the company car, which are taxed below true cost.

The Budget has sparked more than the usual speculation about changes because of expectations that Mr Lawson will reduce higher rates of tax, with the top rate likely to fall to no more than 50p in the pound. He may want to attach strings by restricting some tax relief for the better off. In addition, the first Budget of a new Parliament is the time to court unpopularity.

The favoured suggestions are that, in cutting higher rates of tax, Mr Lawson may restrict mortgage interest relief and relief on pensions to the basic rate of tax. Another possibility is that he will restrict mortgage interest relief to £30,000 per household rather than allowing unmarried couples or groups of individuals buying a house together to make more than one claim.

Mr Lawson addressed the tax reform of pensions in his 1985 Budget. But he drew back after vocal opposition from the pensions lobby. Now he may act to remove tax pension lump sums, although the 1985 experience is unlikely to have encouraged him to try more fundamental changes, particularly at the same time as the introduction of personal portable pensions.

The 1987 Conservative manifesto committed the Government to maintaining present mortgage tax relief. Since then, the Prime Minister has apparently ruled out changes. Supporters of the present system say that restricting relief to the basic rate of income tax, or limiting claims to one per household, would go against the spirit, if not the letter, of the manifesto.

At the last Budget, when Mr Lawson was expected to raise the £30,000 mortgage relief ceiling, the strategy appeared to be to allow the real value of tax relief to decline with rising house prices. There is no reason to suppose this has changed.

Scale charges for taxation on company cars was raised by 10 per cent at the last Budget. This has meant more people have had to pay tax on the use of a company car because the salary below which tax does not have to be paid has stood at £8,500 for several years. But Treasury officials said the biggest loss on company cars was incurred because national insurance contributions were not paid on scale charges.

In other areas of tax reliefs and allowances, the Chancellor faces a difficulty in that some of them, including the Business Expansion Scheme, Personal Equity Plans and Profit-Related Pay, he has introduced or nurtured himself. The Chancellor may enhance reliefs in these areas, but he is hardly likely to abolish them.

Police appeal after robbers use stun gun

Mr John Bigden, aged 17, a student, was recovering from shock yesterday after being attacked in Biggin Hill, Kent, and left unconscious by robbers using an electric stun gun. Police believe it is the first time such a gun, developed for self-defence, has been used in a street robbery.

Last night Scotland Yard appealed for help in tracing the attackers and the source of the gun.

The stun gun was about the size of a small transistor radio and produced between 35,000 and 40,000 volts.

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Dog fight rings part of international racket, report says

By Mark Ellis

Dog fights with betting of up to £50,000 take place at least weekly in Britain, according to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

It says that illicit rings are particularly hard to infiltrate because owners form tightly knit groups to arrange fights between American Pit Bull or Staffordshire Bull Terriers.

Underground magazines, videos and tight security associated with dog-fighting have been penetrated by RSPCA investigators, and international contacts in The Netherlands and the Irish Republic are being traced by inspectors and police.

Mr Charles Marshall, chief officer of the RSPCA Inspectorate, said: "Dog-fighting is increasing and there is a fraternity which look on it as some people regard horse-racing".

He added that people came from Ireland and the Continent to take part, and said: "People who participate in dog-fighting must have no minds. It is the lowest form of animal cruelty. It is as low as you can get".

It was a very closed club, but people did not last long if they were found out, he said.

Dog-fighting is only one of several trends which the society describes as "worrying". Others include neglect of pets, a record number of cruelty cases, and the keeping of dogs in cruel conditions in inner cities as "cheap burglar alarms".

Mr Marshall said: "We are not a nation of animal lovers, we are a nation of animal keepers and there is an increase in cruelty which is a sign of the cruel times in which we live. Cruel videos, cruel times".

Inspectors from the society quoted details of cruelty cases which came before the courts last year to highlight the rise in animal abuse. There had also been a decrease in convictions, they said.

Proving unnecessary suffering before the courts to secure a conviction needed the expert help of a veterinary surgeon, and courts are often reluctant to impose the maximum penalties for cruelty cases of a fine of £2,000 and/or six months' imprisonment.

The society announced that it was recruiting 20 extra inspectors this year, at a cost of £400,000, to give a total of 265 inspectors in England and Wales investigating alleged cases of cruelty; last year inspectors dealt with 85,419 cases, a workload which had almost tripled since 1980.

The number of cases handled last year showed an increase of 2.5 per cent on the previous year, but for the same period the number of convictions dropped by 5.5 per cent from 1,911 to 1,805.

Last year a total of 586 people were disqualified from keeping dogs for periods ranging from six months to life, compared with 509 in 1986.

Dogs were the most frequent victims of cruelty, accounting for 57.2 per cent of all convictions, and neglect was the most common offence, for which the society secured 833 convictions.

Two poodles, Robbie and Lucy, were brought to a press conference to emphasize the difficulties the society faces. The two dogs, which have new owners, were among the 20 survivors of 34 poodles rescued by the society from a house where the bodies and rotting remains of an unknown number of other dogs were found.

A woman was fined £100 and banned for life from keeping dogs and ordered to pay the society's £2,000 costs by magistrates at Oxted, Surrey, last October.

Inspector John Paul, a former policeman who patrols the stockbroker belt of Surrey, said he had found an increase in serious neglect and his workload had quadrupled since 1986.

"There are sufficient fines and terms of imprisonment for magistrates to dole out. May be one or two maximum sentences would bring the scale of the problem to the attention of the public and deter some of crueller people", he said.

Clean-up to reveal glory of the Gorge



Three climbers cleared scrub and small trees from a section of Cheddar Gorge yesterday at the start of an attempt to reveal the spectacular crags and contours of the Somerset landmark. Mr Chris Davis (left), Mr Don Swift and Mr Pete Summers are part of a National Trust team that in the next two weeks will restore a 100-yard strip on the northern side of the Gorge to its appearance of 50 years ago, before grazing stopped. Rare flowers such as the Cheddar pink are being choked by the scrub which has grown up since the 1930s. The devastating effect of myxomatosis on the rabbit population after the war also allowed the steep slopes to become overgrown. The trust has drawn up a conservation management plan for the gorge, a site of special scientific interest, on the advice of the Nature Conservancy Council. Experts in botany, geology and zoology have also been consulted. Similar work has been completed in the Avon Gorge near Bristol and at Burrington Combe, north of Cheddar. Once the first strip has been cleared, no more work will be carried out before the autumn to allow time to assess its impact, to evaluate the practical problems that might arise in tackling such a challenging long-term project, and to avoid disturbing birds and visitors.
(Photograph: Nick Rogers)

Opren protesters want £20m fund

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The Government will respond by the end of this week to a plea for intervention in the Opren drug compensation campaign, Mr Antony Newton, the Health Minister, promised yesterday.

Organizers met Mr Newton at the Department of Health yesterday and called for a £20 million trust fund to be established to help the 1,350 people who claim to have been damaged by the arthritis drug. It was withdrawn from the British market six years ago.

The delegation, led by Mr Jack Ashley, MP for Stoke-on-Trent, South, also pressed Mr Newton to cancel DHSS contracts with Eli Lilly, the Opren manufacturers, because of the company's refusal to meet compensation claims.

Eli Lilly denies liability but after a prolonged legal battle has offered a settlement totalling £2,275,000 to be shared among the claimants.

After the one-hour meeting, the campaigners said they were "cautiously optimistic" about government support for their case.

However, Mr Newton is understood to have told them that there is no possibility of sanctions being imposed on the company by the department. He was said to have "listened carefully" to their ideas.

The prospect of the department becoming directly involved in compensation seems unlikely. It has been a co-defendant in the action against the company because of its role in allowing the drug to be licensed and prescribed in Britain.

Mr Ashley said he was optimistic that there would be a "positive and constructive response" from Mr Newton.

Also in the delegation was Mr David Mason, a prime mover in the campaign for Thalidomide drug compensation 15 years ago. On Thursday he is going to the United States to meet the consumers' rights campaigner, Mr Ralph Nader, to discuss a boycott of Eli Lilly products there.

Many claimants in the United Kingdom have already accepted the company's offer. Among them is Miss Maureen Simmons, aged 46, of Southampton, who yesterday described her offer of £2,400 as "disgusting" but said she had no alternative but to take the money.

"I have been told I can no longer have legal aid to pursue my case and I can't afford to go any further on my own", she said.

Fire officer died saving passenger, King's Cross inquiry told

Tragedy of three 'unforgiving' minutes

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

Three vital minutes may have stood between life and death for the 31 victims of the King's Cross Underground fire, the official inquiry was told yesterday.

Mr Gerald Clarkson, Chief Fire Officer of London, said that if his men had had an extra three minutes they could have averted the "flashover" which engulfed the ticket hall in smoke and flames.

The inquiry had previously been told there was an interval of six minutes between the fire being detected and the fire brigade being called.

Mr Clarkson also gave evidence that the fire appliances probably took between four and six minutes longer to get to King's Cross than normal because the nearest appliances were already out on a call.

A letter from the London Fire Brigade to London Underground, dated August 23 last year, which was read to the inquiry, criticized procedures on the Underground for notifying fires and urged "that on any suspicion of fire, the fire brigade must be called without delay".

Evidence on previous days has shown that a passenger first reported the fire to Underground staff at about 7.30pm but it was 7.36 before the fire service was alerted.

On arrival at King's Cross the firemen had three "unforgiving" minutes before the "flashover" occurred. Mr Clarkson thought that with a further two to two and a half minutes men with breathing gear could have brought water to bear on the fire and averted the "flashover".

Earlier, Mr Clarkson said that Station Officer Colin Townsley, the only fire officer to die in the disaster, was almost certainly trying to rescue a badly burned member of the public when he died.

Many other firemen might also have died when the station's ticket hall was engulfed by smoke and flame but for the fact that they had gone outside to get breathing gear and other equipment.

Mr Townsley was found at the foot of steps at an exit leading towards St Pancras. In response to a question from Mr John Drinkwater, QC, for the London Fire Brigade, Mr Clarkson agreed that Mr Townsley's body had been found "very adjacent" to that of a badly burned member of the public. They were almost within touching distance.

Mr Clarkson said: "I am left only to conclude that he had been assisting that particular member of the public.

"I can only applaud his action. I think Station Officer Townsley died in gallant circumstances and his devotion to duty in saving human life was exemplary."

Mr Clarkson had been abroad when he first heard of the fire. "I can find nothing in reading the report or the briefings I have had to date which would indicate that the fire was dealt with in any manner other than the way I would have dealt with it."

He said: "It was a rapid acceleration of the fire which was beyond my experience and beyond the experience of senior officers in my brigade".

Within seconds the ticket hall concourse was plunged into darkness. Conditions became unbearable. Three firemen breathing gear had no time to start the equipment. They ran to the Pancras Road entrance.

Firemen, some wearing breathing gear and some without tried to rescue people from the exits, and abandoned some of their safety procedures in doing so. "I would find it impossible to blame them in this connection."

Evidence has been given that a fire hydrant in the ticket hall was hidden behind a hoarding and firemen were unaware it was there. Asked about that, Mr Clarkson said: "Any officer in my view, even had the hydrant been available, would have been better placed in ignoring the hydrant and going back to his own appliance".

The inquiry continues today.

Alton campaign for 18-week limit

Setback for Bill as Lords back easier abortion

By Sheila Gunn
Political Staff

Doctors who remove organs from a foetus while it is in the womb or as it is born could lay themselves open to a charge of murder, according to a lawyer and specialist in medical ethics.

Miss Diana Brahams says the issue has arisen because a medical team in Sweden is about to test the efficacy of transplanting foetal brain tissue taken from normal, healthy aborted foetuses into patients suffering from Parkinson's disease.

That has not yet been done in Britain but "must be considered as a future option together with the use of organ and tissue material for other degenerative conditions", she says.

Miss Brahams, editor of the *Medico-Legal Journal*, writing in the *New Law Journal*, says there seems no logical objection to using foetal organs for transplantation if it is regarded as proper to remove organs from dead human beings.

However the anti-abortion lobby is deeply opposed, she says, and it could have valid reasons for regarding the process as "the thin edge of another unwelcome wedge".

The issue is even more complicated with an anencephalic baby — one born without a brain — she says. Doctors disagree whether such a baby, which respires at birth, should be regarded as born alive, dying or dead.

Mr David Alton's campaign for a cut in the time limit for abortions from 28 to 18 weeks suffered a blow today with the publication of an influential House of Lords' report.

Although it calls for stiffer conditions before allowing abortions between 24 and 28 weeks, the report gives a warning of the dangers of bringing forward the time limit any earlier.

It also supports the case for making it easier for women to obtain abortions at an early stage in pregnancy as a way of cutting the number of late abortions.

Many severe abnormalities cannot be detected before 18 and 20 weeks into pregnancy, it states.

The report also says a mother should not be rushed into making a decision about whether to give birth to a severely disabled baby.

The report is the first independent examination of the workings of the abortion laws since the 1967 Abortion Act came into force. It destroys many of the emotional arguments made by both sides on the abortion issue while backing all its findings with statistics and medical expertise.

Lord Brightman, the committee chairman and a Law Lord, said yesterday: "We have tried to produce recommendations which we believe are morally right". He hoped today's report would become the "source book" on the abortion issue.

The committee was unanimous although it included peers of strongly differing views such as Lady Warnock, Lady Faithfull, Lord Houghton of Sowerby, and the Bishop of Gloucester, Dr John Yates.

The peers recommended a change in the law to stop abortions after 24 weeks, except if the life of the mother is at risk; if an abortion is essential to preserve the mental or physical health of the mother; or where a baby is found to be very severely abnormal.

In those exceptional cases they did not want any maximum time limit on abortions. They also did not want to stop the victim of rape or incest to be denied the right to an abortion.

A further blow to the case of Mr Alton, Liberal MP Liverpool, Mossley Hill, is the weight of medical evidence given to the committee that the women seeking abortions after 20 weeks are the most distressed.

"Many are the victims of some personal tragedy. There is clearly a need for improved education, counselling and awareness in regard to family planning and abortion services, particularly among very young women."

It also disputed Mr Alton's claim that babies could be born alive after 18 weeks of pregnancy. Up until 24 weeks a baby's lungs were incapable of expanding and so had no chance of surviving.

Lord Brightman said he would be delighted if a Bill was introduced, either by the Government or by a peer, to enact the committee's recommendations although he in no way wanted to sabotage the passage of Mr Alton's Bill.

House of Lords' select committee report: Infant Life (Preservation) Bill (Stationery Office; £9.30).

Princess visits group of tranquillizer addicts

By Alan Hamilton

Addiction to tranquillizers among middle-aged women is as common as addiction to illegal drugs among the young, the Princess of Wales was told yesterday when she opened a centre for sufferers.

The princess joined a group therapy session with six clients at the Slade Road Community Centre for Addiction, in Birmingham. It is run by North Birmingham Health Authority and is staffed by psychologists rather than doctors.

The therapy sessions are aimed at discovering the original cause of addiction, be it to alcohol, narcotics, or tranquillizers.

Mrs Moira Hamlin, head of the centre, told the princess that some clients had been taking tranquillizers for up to 25 years, although doctors now tended to prescribe them only for short periods.

"We invited the Princess to meet our tranquillizer clients, because that area does not get as much attention as other drug addictions; but it is still a major problem", Mrs Hamlin said.

Later, the princess opened the Church of England Children's Society Birmingham Youth-Link project, which helps young people at risk from crime, prostitution and homelessness.

Winter is warmest for decade

Much of England yesterday enjoyed temperatures higher than those of the Mediterranean as the warmest winter for more than a decade continued.

The past few days have been among the warmest February weather since St Valentine's Day 1961, when the temperature reached 18.5C.

The London weather centre recorded a temperature of 15OC yesterday afternoon, with the North of England only a degree or so cooler.

January was a degree or so warmer than average, according to the Meteorological Office. Forecast, page 22

Genetic proof

A man who had denied intercourse with a girl aged 14 admitted the offence yesterday after a DNA test showed he was almost certainly the father of her baby. Charles Holland, aged 52, of Dalston, east London, was jailed for a year at the Central Criminal Court.

Peer's inquest

An inquest into the death of Lord de la Warr, aged 66, of Buckhurst Park, East Sussex who was hit by an Underground train in London last week was opened at Westminster Coroner's Court yesterday and adjourned to March 16.

Killing charge

Mrs Georgina Wyn Stuart, aged 51, of Harwell, Oxfordshire, was remanded in custody until February 24 by magistrates at Didcot, Oxfordshire, yesterday, accused of murdering Dr Colin Fisher, a nuclear scientist.

Labour ban

Mr David Prendergast, financial secretary of the breakaway Union of Democratic Mineworkers, has been suspended from the Labour Party for two years after urging people not to vote Labour in the last general election.

Water chief

Severn Trent Water Authority yesterday appointed as chief executive Mr Roderick Paul, a company director, to manage its transition into private ownership.

Sotheby's to sell fearsome general's royal gift

Sotheby's is to mark the tercentenary of the Glorious Revolution on March 23 by selling an intriguing souvenir of the friendship between Queen Mary and her trusted general, Godart van Ginkel, the first Earl of Athlone.

The souvenir is a ring given to him by the Queen, its diamond now made up into a snake brooch.

Godart van Ginkel was a fierce fighting man from Utrecht who suppressed the mutiny at Harwich in 1688 after William and Mary had come to the British throne, and then distinguished himself at the Battle of the Boyne.

Queen Mary presented the ring three years later after he performed his most difficult feat: the capture of Athlone, the key fortress of western Ireland.

As his enemy commander wrote at the time: "His master ought to hang him for trying to take Athlone, and mine ought to hang me if I lose it". After Ginkel won, the Queen wrote: "I will not forget what you have done". Judging by both his ennoblement, and this ring, she was true to her word.

Due to changes in fashion, the souvenir comes in two parts: the ring without the diamond with paste in its place, and the diamond set into a snake-shaped bangle dated 1856. Both are enscribed, describing their origins.

Mr David Bennett, of Sotheby's said he was at the company's Amsterdam premises when a descendant of Ginkel brought in the pieces. "It is quite a discovery". He has given the pair a modest estimate of up to £25,000.

SALEROOM

By Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

● Christie's sold a routine consignment of British ceramics with outstanding results yesterday.

A runaway price of £52,800 against an estimate of £8,000 to £12,000 was achieved for a Southwark Delft blue and white wine bottle boldly painted with birds and plants, selling to the London dealer, Mr Jonathan Horne.

Other high prices included £13,200 (estimate £5,000 to £7,000) for a Worcester honeycomb moulded oval dish c1765, and the same price (estimate £1,500 to £1,800) for a pair of pearlware horses, one being led by a small boy, the other mounted by a little girl.

A Derby cabbage tureen coloured bright green and yellow sold for £11,000 against an estimate of £4,000 to £6,000.

● Bonham's Dogs in Art paintings sale went off well yesterday, with private buyers hot from Crufts dominating the bidding. The top price was for a puppy trapped inside a pot of greengage jelly by William Henry Hamilton Trood. Estimated at £1,500, it sold for £8,580.

A dog collar once belonging to "Bob" of Sloane Gardens sold for £380 against an estimate of £150, while a Scottie dog reclining beside a set of bagpipes sold for £1,760 (estimate £400 to £600). The total for the sale was £170,350, with 20 per cent bought in.

● Two years after buying Mantegna's Adoration of the Magi - the subject of controversy before its export from Britain in December 1985 - the Getty Museum has finally put it on display after restoration.

According to the museum, Andrea Rothe, the restorer, has removed an old varnish and "disfiguring restorations to uncover the original qualities of the masterpiece". In terms of condition and technique, the painting is comparable with the "Dead Christ and Presentation in the Temple" by the same artist in Milan and Berlin.

After having become the most expensive work of art ever to be sold at auction when it fetched £8.1 million in April 1985, the painting became the subject of two battles: the National Galleries of Scotland tried to raise funds to save it and various experts claimed it was either in bad condition or a fake.

Chefs launch quality drive

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

A campaign was launched by Britain's top chefs yesterday to encourage the production of high quality British foods.

The British Culinary Institute wants farmers, market gardeners and small-scale processors to meet its criteria of excellence. Independent assessors will judge produce.

Food will be divided into four main categories: livestock; fruit and vegetables; lightly processed foods such as flour, cured and smoked products, and jams; and dairy produce. Drinks such as English wines, farmhouse cider, fruit juices and natural spring water will also qualify.

There will be a general presumption in favour of food produced by non-intensive methods, with minimal use of fertilizers and pesticides and without hormones and other substances used as growth promoters.

Non-biological additives and artificial flavourings will also be frowned upon, and cheeses should be made from raw, unpasteurized milk.

The institute recognizes that it would be impracticable to apply the most rigorous organic or free-range standards as such products as farmed salmon would be excluded.

The campaign has the support of the National Farmers' Union.

Mr Stephen Bull, of the institute, said there might be difficulties in finding ways of displaying the logo on fresh produce, which for the most part is not sold in packages. However, he saw no reason why it should not be used on restaurant menus.

"We will be quite happy if it is confined at first to a small number of producers we know can reach our standards."

The dozen or so firms exhibiting their wares at the London Hilton hotel yesterday were in no position to compete to supply the large multiple chains that dominate the retail food industry.

However, there was no reason why supermarkets in country towns should not devote special sections to local produce, as happened in France, said Jane Grigson, the cookery writer.

She foresaw the need to guard against the likely flood of second-rate produce coming on to the market in the next few years, masquerading under a "farmhouse" label.

The success of the scheme depended upon improvements in transport and distribution, and on retailers themselves applying more exacting standards, she added.

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PARLIAMENT

Pact clears the way for talks on single market

Agreement at the EEC summit in Brussels cleared the way for the Community to concentrate on its most important goal, the creation of a genuine single market by 1992, the Prime Minister told MPs.

In a statement on the summit, *Mrs Thatcher* said that all the objectives that the United Kingdom had set at the outset had been achieved: that any further increase in Community resources must be accompanied by effective and legally binding controls on expenditure; that there would have to be effective measures to reduce agricultural surpluses, to bring supply and demand more into balance and that automatic price penalties on individual commodities would be the principal weapon; there should be no oils and fats tax; and that the abatement of the British budgetary contribution agreed at Fontainebleau in 1984, which had saved the United Kingdom £3,000 million in three years, should be preserved.

She then summarized what had been achieved. In agriculture, they were setting in place stabilizer measures necessary to control output and spending. The central concept was an automatic price penalty if an agreed production quantity was exceeded.

Those for cereals and rape seed had been agreed, while agreement on eight further stabilizers had been delayed by France until the meeting of the Foreign Affairs Council on February 22-23.

"The Dutch Prime Minister and I made clear that our agreement to all the measures before the council was conditional on the adoption of the stabilizers as they are. In the light of past experience, we have insisted that all these controls should be in legally binding form."

The council had agreed to the general principles of a set-aside scheme to take agricultural land out of production, under which a farmer must set aside at least 20 per cent of his arable land for at least five years.

"To improve overall control of the CAP we have also tightened the discipline of the financial guidelines for agricultural spending." The guideline base for 1988 had been set at 27.5 European currency units (Ecus) or about £19 billion.

Future commission proposals must always be consistent with the guideline. They had eliminated the general provision for expenditure in so-called "exceptional circumstances". The limited reserve would in future take account only of big in-year changes in the dollar-ecu exchange rate, with a budget effect of more than 400 million ecu. If the dollar went up in value by more, the amount spent on agriculture would be automatically reduced.

It had been agreed that the cost of depreciating and disposing of existing surplus stocks would be financed outside the guideline, but within the budget, and that new stocks would be systematically depreciated as they were established.

The guideline itself would in future rise at a rate significantly lower than the total resources available for Community expenditure. "The new rate will be three quarters of the rate of growth of Community gross national product. Over time, this will reduce the proportion of Community expenditure taken by agriculture, so reversing the trend of the past."

The council had concluded that commitments on the structural funds should increase annually over the period 1989-1992 by 1.3 billion ecu a year, equal to a total real increase over 1987 of about 80 per cent, and would permit doubling for less developed regions.

The tightening of budgetary management arrangements would limit the use of carryover provisions and creative accounting devices such as what were euphemistically called negative reserves to which there had been excessive recourse in the past, and which had been particularly unwelcome to Britain.

"We decided on an increase in the resources available to the Community. These will in future be expressed in terms of Community GNP, rather than, as now, VAT." The council had rejected the Commission proposal that the own resources ceiling should be raised from 1.4 per cent of VAT to 1.4 per cent of GNP, equal to 2.3 per cent of VAT -- a 50 per cent increase. Instead, the new ceiling would be 1.2 per cent of GNP, about 25 per cent above the present figure, and realistic in light of recent trends.

The need for the United Kingdom abatement had been challenged. "I made it clear that I was not prepared to contemplate any reduction in the benefit we receive as a result of the Fontainebleau mechanism. I am glad to tell the House that the council agreed to this. The Fontainebleau mechanism will therefore remain totally intact, and it will once again last as long as the new own-resources arrangements. In practice, thanks to the abatement, Britain's gross contribution should remain a little over 1 per cent of GNP, well below that of other member states."

The decisions would now be translated into firm and legally binding texts, and only when they were agreed would the Government recommend to the Commons the new level of own resources.

"Our achievement in securing more effective control of farm spending should benefit consumers through lower prices, and farmers through greater certainty about future market conditions. The share of agriculture in the Community's budget will decline."

Thatcher capitulated at summit, says Labour

The Prime Minister had capitulated at the European summit and run away, Mr Roy Hattersley, deputy leader of the Opposition, said.

He said that the Prime Minister's excuse for her capitulation, paving the way for the complete internal market in 1992, would do immense harm

The establishment of legally binding Community regulations is a major achievement

to Britain, so she must not expect rejoicing about that.

Faced with criticisms from both sides of the House of the agreement reached at Brussels, Mrs Margaret Thatcher said that 95 per cent of what had been aimed at had been achieved.

She described the establishment of legally binding regulations as a "major achievement".

Mr Hattersley asked why, if the Prime Minister claimed that the object of her negotiations had been achieved, even the ultra-loyal *Daily Telegraph* described this as a British retreat on several fronts.

Why, having dismissed the rate of growth in agricultural spending of more than 60 per cent as "extraordinary and indefensible" did the Prime Minister accept figures which she admitted to be 74 per cent, a figure which on the full calculation was nearer 80 per cent.

Why, having described a cereal production ceiling of more than 155 million tonnes as "an attack on the taxpayer and the housewife", did the Prime Minister accept a ceiling of 160 million tonnes?

That was worse than the Copenhagen agreement. When compared fully and properly with the old method of VAT calculation, the budget ceiling amounted to a very considerable increase.

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"In the words of *The Times*: Even allowing for the vaunted rebate, Britain's net contribution will increase."

Her apologists had claimed that without the agreement the Community might have collapsed. It was true that the CAP might have collapsed but, since the CAP did such harm to the British consumer and prejudiced the whole future of the Community, no one would rejoice that the CAP has been saved.

Mrs Thatcher said she doubted very much that those who lived in community countries would endorse either what *The Daily Telegraph* or Mr Hattersley had said about this.

Other countries knew that Britain had got a good deal, got the Fontainbleau mechanism, got the legally binding regulations it had long sought, got the actual stabilizers by virtue of price reductions.

In 1985, Germany had invoked the Luxembourg compromise over a 1.8 per cent price cut. "This time we have got the price cut of 3 per cent over four years in succession when Copenhagen was three years only in succession."

Mr Leon Brittan (Richmond, Yorks, C) said that the system set up at this summit was one which would, over a period of time, bring to bear downward pressure on both output and prices in a legally binding way. This was a big step forward in controlling the CAP and it was warmly to be welcomed.

Mrs Thatcher agreed. She said that one of the difficulties had been to get for example Germany to accept that you should get reductions in agricultural production by price cuts. Only two or three years ago they were using the Luxemburg compromise against it. They had resisted it and then accepted that it was the best way forward.

Opposition MPs would not like it if their income was cut by 12 per cent on one commodity and 18 per cent on another. That was what was happening.

Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party, said that the agreement represented significant progress towards control over the agricultural budget.

Had the disposal of surpluses been discussed in the context of Third World need? How would the UK stand to benefit from the increase in the regional and social funds in the light of the Government's own reduced commitment to regional aid?

His party accepted that the collapse of the summit would have been much more costly to Britain's national interests because the failure to reach a common market by 1992 would be far more expensive for the Community as a whole.

"So, thank goodness, for once the lady was for turning."

Mrs Thatcher said that, regarding the surpluses, they had always said you had to operate on two fronts: one, to reduce the surpluses and the other, to get down the actual production, which had gone up year by year.

This last year, surpluses of skimmed milk powder had gone

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down by 34 per cent and surpluses of butter had gone down by 31 per cent.

The UK at the moment got about £750 million out of structural funds, and did fairly well out of it. It was hoped that that would increase to about £1,000 million.

If the UK did not belong to the CAP, it would have to have very substantial subsidies by way of deficiency payments or otherwise very substantial increases in prices by other directions by having very heavy levies on the port of entry.

Mr Teddy Taylor (Southend East, C) said that a decision to give a real increase in spending of 25 per cent by an organization currently spending £233 million a week on dumping and destroying food and £40 million a week on financing fraud was a bit of an insult to every local authority and health authority struggling to keep within their spending limits.

Mrs Thatcher said that the surpluses on powdered milk and butter had gone down by about a third in the past year. They did have to finance exports of cereals where they were more than self-sufficient, but if they pulled out totally of allowing their farmers to export some of their grain, while the United States and others allowed their farmers to export, that was very bad indeed for the countryside.

Mr Peter Shore (Bethnal Green and Stepney, Lab) said that despite the bravado of Mrs Thatcher's words on achieved objectives, this was a sad day for her and a sadder day for British taxpayers and consumers.

In exchange for extremely insecure and untried restraints on agricultural production, the Prime Minister had conceded an increase in the Community budget of not 25 per cent but, compared with last year's outturn expenditure, nearly 45 per cent and she had agreed to introduce a new and fourth Community tax upon the British people.

Mrs Thatcher said there was evidence that stabilizers worked and Mr Shore knew it. So these were not untried mechanisms, they were tried mechanisms.

Sir Charles Morrison (Devizes, C) said that this agreement had been reached against all the odds and forecasts. It was a remarkable achievement and undoubtedly formed a better basis for planning for farmers.

The more effective the set-aside system turned out to be, the less need there would be for the application of stabilizers. Was it up to the Council of Agriculture Ministers collectively to agree on set-aside or up to individual countries?

Mrs Thatcher said that a ceiling on the maximum amount that could be paid under set-aside had been agreed at 600 million ecus.



Sir Richard O'Brien and Miss Clare Short, MP, taking part in a Campaign for Work press conference at the Commons yesterday before a lobby of Parliament on the Employment Bill. The lobby was arranged by 20 organizations and included representatives from unions, unemployment groups and the Roman Catholic Church (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Debate on Irish relations refused

Mr Alexander Carlile (Montgomery, L) was refused a request for an emergency debate in the Commons on the question of relations between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.

A debate was necessary, he said, because of the clear breakdown in understanding between the two countries, which affected the security of the realm and relations between the United Kingom and its closest neighbour.

It also concerned the enforcement of law within the United Kingdom and mutual law enforcement between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland on such important matters as terrorism, as well as the Stalker-Sampson inquiry.

It was clear that during the recent discussions between the Prime Minister and the Taoiseach, frost had grown on the walls of the meeting room. The House needed a debate which would allow full discussion of all the issues.

The Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill, said that the matters were not appropriate to an emergency debate.

Coal action 'is mindless'

The present industrial action in the coal industry was condemned as mindless by Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, during questions.

He said that all would deplore the industrial relations record in the coal industry, which was doing it enormous harm.

The present overtime ban by Nacods was mindless, senseless and a waste of time and money. Nacods should be told that, in addition to putting their jobs at risk, they were putting the jobs of thousands of miners at risk.

The sooner Nacods accepted the offer of binding arbitration that was on the table, the sooner peace would return to the coal industry.

Mr Andrew Mitchell (Gedling, C) said that congratulations were due to the Nottinghamshire miners who had three times this year exceeded previous shift records. They would have gone on increasing productivity but for the unfortunate disruption by Nacods.

Mr Parkinson said that the way forward for British Coal must be greater productivity and improved performance. If it could keep on achieving that the future was good. If the industry retained its reputation for strife, unreliability as a supplier, and expense, then the future was grim.

Later, Mr Harry Greenway (Ealing North, C) asked if the Government shared his disgust at the irresponsible action on behalf of the Nacods deputies.

Mr Parkinson said that there was a negotiating procedure between British Coal and Nacods which would lead to binding arbitration. British Coal had referred the dispute to the tribunal and he hoped Nacods would also.

Woodlands inventory

An inventory of ancient woodlands will be completed by the Nature Conservancy Council next year and will be used to assist in the protection from damage of trees dating from before the year 1600, the Earl of Caithness, Minister of State for Environment, assured peers during questions in the House of Lords. Some ancient woodlands were damaged in the storm of October 16.

"For the future we believe satisfactory protection against damage by man is provided not only through designation where appropriate as sites of special scientific interest or national nature reserves but also by the Forestry Commission's felling controls and planting grants with its associated consultation procedures and by tree preservation orders."

'Stabs in the back' course

An accusation that Mr Bernard Ingham, the Downing Street Press Secretary, tended to go out of his way to "stab Cabinet ministers in the back" came from Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab) during Commons questions on training senior civil servants in personal communication skills.

He asked Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Civil Service, if he would inquire whether there was a course on back stabbing of prime ministers and other Cabinet ministers. "If so, could we have a go on this side so that we can get ready for it?"

Mr Luce replied that, looking at the number of diaries by former Labour ministers, "I would not have thought that it was Labour MPs who needed that kind of course".

Both sides of House launch power price attack

Mr Michael Spicer, Under-Secretary of State for Energy, came under attack from both sides of the Commons as he defended a new round of electricity price increases planned for April.

Opposition MPs said that pensioners were being forced to pay increased prices to fatten the industry for privatization, while one Conservative backbencher, Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark (Birmingham, Selly Oak), asked the minister who MPs were supposed to believe -- Lord Marshall (chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board) and the CBI or him?

Mr Peter Pike (Burnley, Lab) said that the Secretary of State for Energy (Mr Cecil Parkinson) had said previously that the rate of increase in prices was faster than Lord Marshall would have wished.

That was of serious concern to many industrialists, who believed it would put them at a disadvantage in terms of European competition. If the Government did not change its policy, more jobs were likely to be put at risk.

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Mr Spicer said that UK domestic electricity prices were among the lowest in Europe and would remain so after April. Prices for typical industrial consumers would remain about the average for Europe and lower than the average for America and Japan.

Mr John Hannam (Exeter, C) said that the South Western Electricity Board was proposing a 12 per cent increase, which would be damaging to the people of the area, whose incomes were below the national average. The Government should have discussions with the board with the aim of preventing that.

Mr Spicer said that Britain had enjoyed low electricity prices because the industry had been earning a low rate of return on investment. Because it now required considerable new investment, it would have to increase its rate of return, whether it was in the public or private sector.

Mr Peter Hardy (Wentworth, Lab) said that the CEGB had budgeted for £1 billion of investment before the price increases. "Is he convinced it is necessary, or is he determined it will go ahead to provide a sweetener for private investment and reduce competitiveness in British industry?"

Mr Spicer said that the industry had to achieve a 5 per cent rate of return, which was what had been proposed by the former Labour Government.

Dr Michael Clark (Rochford, C) said that electricity prices had to be competitive to the user industry, but commercial for the supply industry, so that its huge investment programme could be properly serviced. But a special tariff should be available for those industries that were heavy users of electricity.

Mr Spicer said that such industries already received a 6 per cent discount.

Mr John McAllion (Dundee East, Lab) said that the price increases were the third heavy blow dealt to pensioners this winter, after a £3.5 million cut in home insulation grants and the requirement that supplementary benefit pensioners should in future pay 10 per cent towards the cost of insulation materials. Already more than five million pensioners could not afford to heat their homes properly and 30,000 of them died each year as a result.

Mr Spicer said that, even after the rises, domestic consumers would still be 6 per cent better off in real terms than they had been five years ago. While pensions had kept pace with inflation during that period, electricity prices had fallen by 15 per cent.

Mr Beaumont-Dark said that most MPs were anxious to believe Mr Spicer, but there was a certain complexity. "Lord Marshall says that what the minister just said is not exactitude. The CBI also says that what the minister just said is inexactitude. Who are we to believe, them or him?"

Mr Spicer: Me.

Mr John Prescott, chief Opposition spokesman on energy, said that the minister's answers would not be acceptable to the House. He asked whether Mr Spicer would be meeting the CBI to discuss a study produced for it by the London Business School.

"The conclusion of that report is that the rise in electricity prices is unnecessary and inappropriate and does not stand critical examination. In reality, they are totally unjustified and simply fattening up this industry for privatization.

Mr Spicer said that he would be meeting the CBI shortly and would put to it precisely the same points as he had put to the House.

Mr Eric Forth (Mid Worcestershire, C) said that he was surprised by the reaction of the CBI. It was the body that had conceded average wage increases of 8 per cent and, while labour costs made up two-thirds of the total costs of industry, electricity prices accounted for only a small percentage.

Mr Spicer said that electricity prices accounted for 2 per cent of manufacturing costs, compared to 46 per cent going on labour costs, which had increased by 50 per cent in the past five years in cash terms.

£7m to cut waiting lists



An extra £7.08 million had been given to the four Thames health regions from the Government's special £25 million fund to reduce waiting lists this year, Lord Skelmersdale, Under Secretary of State for Health and Social Security (above), said during questions in the House of Lords.

Of this, £3.75 million was specifically for projects in the greater London area. As a result, 15,000 extra patients would have been treated in London hospitals by the end of March.

The Department of Health and Social Security was now looking at bids for the £30 million waiting list fund for 1988-89.

MPs to condemn charity chiefs

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The Charity Commissioners will be condemned by the Commons Public Accounts committee next week for their lack of control of Britain's £10-billion-a-year charity sector.

The MPs were appalled by the findings of a National Audit Office investigation into the commissioners' work last year, and by what Mr Denis Peach, the recently retired chief commissioner, had to say when he appeared before the committee in October.

In particular, they are alarmed at the huge scope for abuse and fraud in the tax-free status enjoyed by charities, which is worth about £2.5 billion a year. One member of the committee disclosed yesterday that it would be "a pretty damning report".

The commissioners are supposed to oversee well over 150,000 charitable organizations, but, with organizations such as the Moonies and the Church of Scientology among those enjoying charitable status, there is intense and growing pressure for a change in the law.

The most disturbing revelations about the commissioners' performance are that:

- Their register of charities is badly out of date and unreliable;
- Inclusion on the register does not prove a charity's trustworthiness, efficiency or anything else. It merely shows that, at the time of registering, the charity's stated purposes legally qualified it for inclusion;
- Charities are widely ignoring the statutory requirment for them to submit annual accounts,
- Even when charities did submit accounts, fewer than a third were professionally audited and only 4 per cent were examined by the commission. Only one of the thirteen staff working in that area is a qualified accountant;
- Despite the absence of accurate figures, there was "disturbing evidence of a growth in the extent of criminal charity-related fraud and abuse".

Mr Peach argued repeatedly that the commissioners' work was severely hampered by manpower restrictions and limited resources, but the committee expressed astonishment that they did not, for example, carry out spot checks on charities or publish an annual list of those that had failed to submit accounts.

Official Secrets Act

Prime Minister challenged

By Sheila Gunn
Political Staff

The Prime Minister will face a further challenge in Parliament this session over the Official Secrets Act with the announcement of a fresh Conservative backbench attempt to reform the "catch-all" Section 2.

A secrets Bill will be introduced and given its first reading in the House of Lords tomorrow by Lord Bethell, Conservative MEP for London North West and a former Government whip.

It will be along the lines of the ill-fated Protection of Information Bill introduced in the Commons by Mr Richard Shepherd, Conservative MP for Aldridge-Brownhills.

Mrs Thatcher's majority in the Commons of 101 was cut to 37 in rejecting Mr Shepherd's Bill at second reading last month. The Government outraged many of its own backbenchers by imposing a three-line whip against the Bill because of the Prime Minister's resistance to it.

It will be much more difficult for ministers to block debate on



Lord Bethell: Peers are uniquely qualified

Lord Bethell's Bill because of the lack of constraints on peers.

By convention, the House of Lords rarely votes on a Bill at second reading and so it is virtually guaranteed a passage through the Upper House before going to the Commons, where Government whips can kill it instantly.

Despite this fate, Lord Bethell believes that the House of Lords should examine the issues and try to reach a consensus before Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, unveils his own White Paper in June.

"There is a feeling among some people in all parties", he said, "that it is a pity Richard Shepherd's Bill did not get a committee stage because that would have enabled Parliament to have some input into the drafting of the Government's Bill. At the moment, the Government's Bill is being drafted only by ministers and officials."

The House of Lords was a "uniquely qualified body" to give its view on the Bill, he added.

"I am introducing the Bill at the request of Richard Shepherd. He and his fellow sponsors will be advising me. Also, it was clear to Richard and others that a Bill would be introduced by a Labour or Liberal peer otherwise and it would be better if it was introduced by a Conservative peer."

In addition to Mr Shepherd's reforms, the Bill introduced by Lord Bethell will state that the lawful activities of the security services will be protected, which will mean that unlawful activities will not.

National Theatre penalty denied

The Government denied in the Commons that it was penalizing the National Theatre with a "standstill budget".

THE ARTS

Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, said at question time that the dispute over the theatre's funding was a matter between it and the Arts Council. He said that it was perfectly open to organizations such as the National Theatre to bid for three-year funding from the Arts Council and he assumed that it would do so.

Incentive funding would also be available and if the National Theatre could prove itself it would also benefit in that way.

Mr Mark Fisher, Opposition spokesman for the arts, said that the National Theatre, the RSC and the Royal Opera not only contributed heavily to the arts but they also had a enormous economic benefit by the number of tourists they attracted.

Why was the success of the National Theatre being penalized by a standstill budget? If the Government was serious about backing success in the arts why was the Arts Council not putting more money into the National Theatre?

Mr Luce agreed that the standard of artistic performance at the National Theatre was outstanding. He said that it was for the Arts Council to decide how to disburse its money.

About £30 million of the taxpayer's money went to the four national companies each year, something like a fifth of the Arts Council's total budget.

It was important to maintain the arm's length principle of disbursement of money in the performing arts. Allocation of money to the four flagship organizations should be maintained by the Arts Council and not directly by the minister.

Earlier, Mr John Bowis (Battersea, C) welcomed three-year funding from the Government for the Arts Council and said that it would be even more widely welcomed if it fed through to the groups sponsored by the Arts Council.

Mr Luce said that the money had been allocated to the council and it was now for the council to negotiate three-year funding agreements with clients.

The next stage was to convince them of the benefits of three-year funding.

Fund's help

The National Heritage Memorial Fund had helped 430 projects concerned with preserving items of importance to the national heritage with funds of £82 million since it was set up in 1980, the Earl of Caithness, Minister of State for Environment, disclosed during question time.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Education and Science; Prime Minister. Immigration Bill, remaining stages. Motion on Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1984 (Continuance) Order.
Lords (2.30): Local Government Bill, report, second day. Prevention of Terrorism Order.

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Crown prosecutors defended

Court service is 'bedevilled' by police delays, DPP says

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Director of Public Prosecutions has accused the police and some courts of being responsible for many of the mistakes which are laid at the door of the much-criticized Crown Prosecution Service (CPS).

Mr Allan Green, QC, who is urging chief branch crown prosecutors to meet police and the court service to iron out problems, says that the service is "bedevilled by late delivery of papers by the police".

That places an "intolerable burden on a hard-pressed and understaffed prosecuting service. It is absolutely vital that police files are passed to the CPS in time", the director says.

"Far too often, the prosecutor is given too little, too late, in an illegible form. The lawyer goes into court, is unable to provide the court with proper assistance, and the people who are criticized are the CPS."

Like the prosecution service, the police have substantial manpower difficulties, Mr Green says. "But there is a serious lack of supervision which senior officers ought to exercise over police files and their contents."

Mr Green, who makes his comments in the latest issue of *Counsel*, the Bar magazine, also says that the service may get the blame for the failure of the police to bring witnesses to court.

"The CPS lawyer will be reluctant to blame the police, and in any event the court will not want to embark on a detailed inquiry as to where the fault lies."

In the eyes of the court, the service and the police are regarded as a single entity, the "prosecution", Mr Green says.

The DPP also urges consistent cooperation from the courts. Some do cooperate; in others, the "practice of listing cases late creates impossible difficulties for the CPS".

"The lists of overnight charges by their very nature arrive late but some courts put in at short notice cases of which the CPS has no prior knowledge.

"Even when police officers bail a prisoner to attend a magistrates' court at a future date, there may be no file with the CPS at all, and the first the service learns about the case is when it discovers that it has been included in a court list."

Unless the service is told of the court's lists, it is impossible to distribute the work, Mr Green says.

"Until the lists are published the CPS does not know whether it needs four advocates at that court the following day or two." Once the files are allocated, it creates "substantial difficulties" if work is suddenly transferred from one court to another at the last minute or while the courts are sitting, he says.

● A recruitment campaign, including "short-term commissions" to attract lawyers into the Crown Prosecution Service, is being drawn up in an effort to tackle staffing shortages.

Competition was so severe that experienced CPS lawyers were receiving "poaching offers from private practice".

One plan is to provide funds for people leaving universities or polytechnics to enable them to come to the Bar with a view to making a career in the CPS.

The details have yet to be worked out but it was analagous with the armed forces' short-term commissions, Mr Green says.

It was also hoped through the Bar Council and Council of Legal Education to set up "mini-pupillages" to introduce young barristers to work in the CPS.

Princess opens new wing



Princess Caroline of Monaco opening a £3.5 million high-technology hospital wing bearing her name in London yesterday. She said it was the first time anything had been named after her. The three-storey extension to the 116-bed Princess Grace private hospital off Marylebone Road, named after the princess's mother, contains up-to-date radiography equipment including a £500,000 body scanner. Princess Caroline became the hospital's patron after her mother's death in 1982.

Claims on firearms licences rejected

Police forces across Britain have pre-empted the new firearms laws and refused licences to the owners of semi-automatic weapons in the wake of the Hungerford massacre, it was claimed in the High Court in London yesterday.

The Shooters Rights Association, which claims 10,000 members and aims to protect the interests of law-abiding gun enthusiasts, said police had imposed a semi-official ban by "sitting" on licence applications.

Mr Frank Swann, the association's spokesman, of Wallington, Surrey, claimed that a press release issued by the Metropolitan Police Commissioner on August 27 last year, eight days after Michael Ryan killed 16 people, had given a policy lead to chief constables in Hampshire, Wales and elsewhere.

It said that as an interim measure no firearms certificates would be issued for semi-automatic rifles and carbines. The measure was officially abandoned 14 days later. However, the policy behind it is still being implemented, Mr Swann said.

The association was applying for judicial review of the press release on the ground that it was a policy decision.

Hundreds of people had waited months for applications to be processed and as a result were technically breaking the law, Mr Swann told Lord Justice Glidewell.

Mr Swann said: "It's the job of Parliament to enact the law, the judiciary to interpret it and the police to enforce it. In this particular instance the police attempted to enact and interpret as well as enforce."

Rejecting the application, the judge said people considered judicial review a "universal panacea" for complaints about anything. Mr Swann's case was wholly misconceived.

"I would have thought that the occasions in which an applicant had a good reason for being in possession of a semi-automatic weapons were rare in the extreme."

Sunday trading reform dropped

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Ministers have ruled out any reform to the Sunday trading laws in the near future because of hostility to all the proposed schemes.

They had hoped to introduce at least a modest change which could win support inside and outside Parliament within the next two sessions. It is understood they have now admitted defeat, as every idea has brought protests from some quarters.

They have also been dismayed at the strength of opposition to the Sunday racing Bills, which would allow betting shops to open.

The Sunday observance lobby, together with trade unions and many Conservatives, believe the Bills would fatally flaw their stand against a relaxation of trading restrictions.

Ministers feel that view signals the continuing strong resistance to reform from different factions in Parliament.

Ever since the unexpected Commons defeat of the Government's 1985 Shops Bill, ministers and individual MPs have been under pressure to find a suitable compromise rather than to allow the present impasse to continue with many stores flouting the law.

The Home Office promised to investigate all possible schemes for allowing certain stores to open on Sundays, after the Conservative Party conference passed a motion last October calling for urgent action to reform the Sunday Observance Act.

However, Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State at the Home Office, was howled down when he floated the idea of giving local authorities the final say on opening hours.

Among other schemes mooted has been one to allow shopping complexes and hypermarkets on town outskirts to open on Sundays. That has been deemed unfair by retail interests which would lose business.

Another idea was for small shops employing only a few people to operate. That has been opposed as equally unfair and unworkable.

Ministers have found that although local authorities and the large stores are campaigning for a swift relaxation of restrictions, there is still substantial hostility to any reform at grassroots level.

Younger supports Nato arms update

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Defence, yesterday emphasized the importance of modernizing Nato's nuclear and conventional forces in the face of a continuing Soviet threat.

He scorned Labour opposition to modernization and said they had learnt nothing from their past mistakes.

Mr Younger warned Western governments against being diverted by "peace movements" from maintaining effective defence.

His speech reflects the Prime Minister's view that Britain and Nato have a duty to modernize their weapon systems in order to maintain proper deterrence. Mrs Thatcher is expected to express forcibly her opinions during her first visit as Prime Minister to Nato headquarters in Brussels tomorrow.

Mr Younger said Labour was opposed to any attempt by Nato to maintain and modernize the remaining, smaller nuclear forces after the intermediate nuclear forces deal between the Soviet Union and United States.

"To most people it will seem a matter of common sense that all of Nato's forces should be kept up to date in the face of an ever-evolving threat. The Soviet Union continues to modernize those elements of its land-based theatre nuclear forces not covered by the INF agreement."

He said the Soviet Union was building new Backfire bombers that would carry nuclear missiles and the longer range and more accurate SS-21 missiles. Mr Younger accused the Labour Party of proposing an act of one-sided disarmament by asking that a vital element in Nato's flexible response should be allowed to rust.

With division in Nato over whether to approve modernization of remaining tactical nuclear weapons deployed in Europe, Mr Younger said in a speech at Nottingham University that it would be folly for Nato to abandon its agreed strategy.

The clear military advice to all Nato governments was that the alliance must maintain effectiveness over the whole range of its force as only then could they search safely for security at a lower level of arms.

The £1m mortgage

City seeks to fill loan gap

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

Two merchant banks in the City are prepared to lend money for mortgages up to and over £1 million, through an initiative by a West End investment firm company which has recognized the demand for huge mortgages.

As a result, Noble Warren Investments last week arranged 10 mortgages of more than £500,000. Mr Simon Brewer, a partner, said one was of £1,100,000 for a City client. He believed it to be the first million-pound mortgage. Interest payments on the loan are more than £8,000 a month.

Mr Brewer found to his astonishment that no bank or building society would allow a mortgage of that size when he was trying to arrange the home loan for his client, who has a house valued at £2 million and other assets valued at more than £4 million.

He then approached a number of merchant banks, armed with evidence of the cost of houses and the number of millionaires, to try to persuade them of the demand for and safety of such mortgages, lending unlimited amounts up to 75 per cent of the value. He now has two merchant banks prepared to do so, while others are "watching".

Mr Brewer said yesterday that contrary to what some commentators were saying the property market was still very sound, and that a lot of people had come to him wanting a mortgage of £500,000 upwards.

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He argued that the borrowers more likely to get into trouble were those borrowing four and even five times their salary.

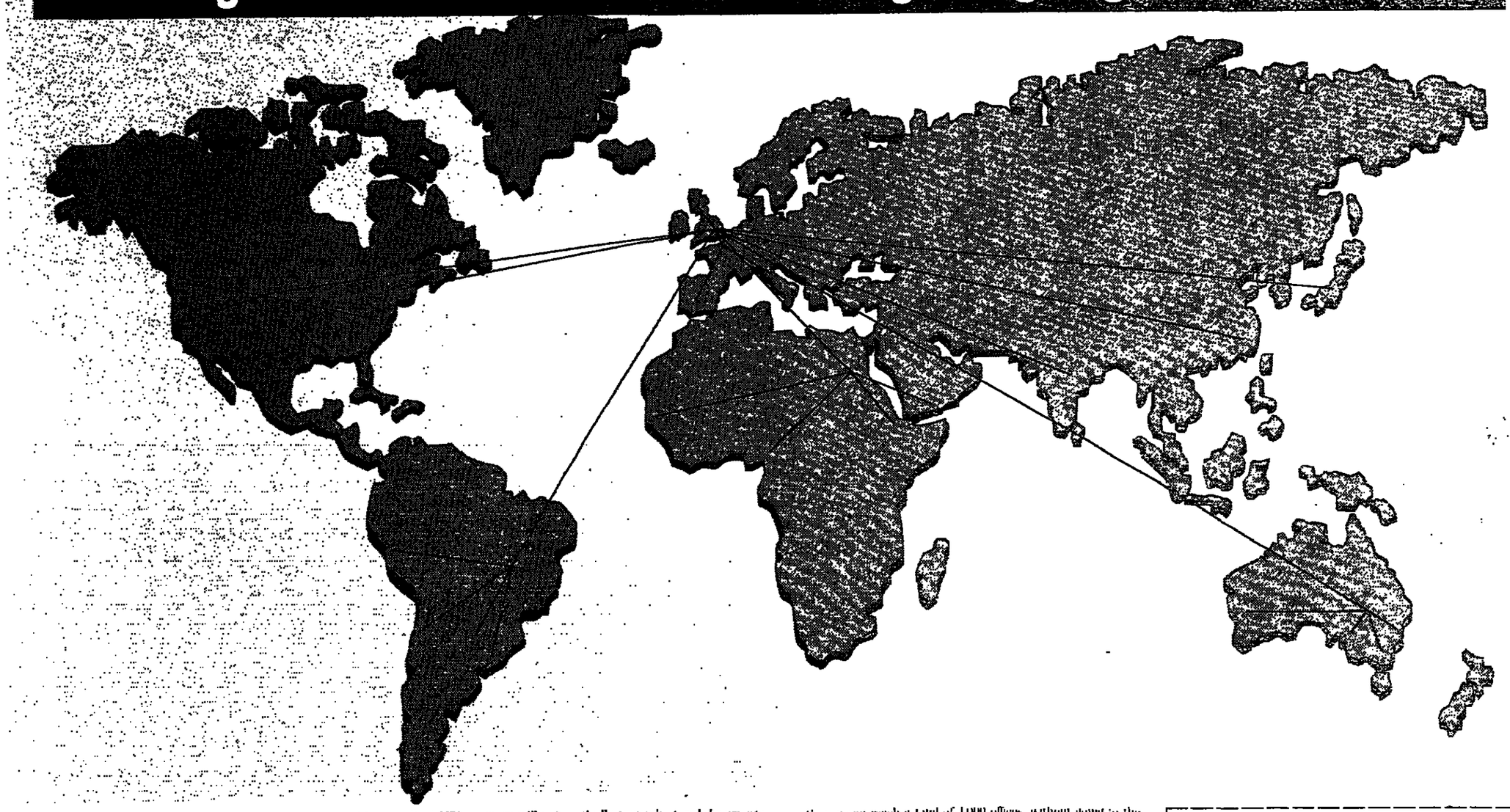
"If interest rates were to go up substantially I do not know how they would be able to pay. People should not be encouraged to borrow like that. I believe three times salary is enough."

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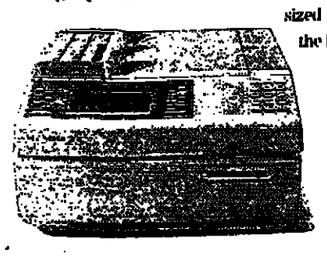
A publican appeared in court in St Helens, Lancashire, yesterday, charged with murdering Helen McCourt, an insurance clerk who disappeared a week ago. Ian Simms, aged 31, of Birchley Road, Billinge, Merseyside, was remanded in custody until February 24.

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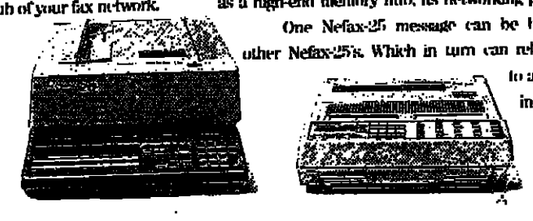
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The New Hampshire primaries

Battle to decide who will come in second

From Michael Binyon, Nashua

Voters in New Hampshire go to the polls today to decide one of the tensest and most unpredictable primary elections in recent political history.

The polls show a virtual dead heat between Vice-President George Bush and Senator Robert Dole among the Republicans, and a similarly close race for Democratic second place between Senator Paul Simon and Congressman Richard Gephardt. The focus is also on the second-tier candidates, whose political future will be decided today.

On the Republican side, Congressman Jack Kemp is running an aggressive campaign to remain viable. At the weekend he attacked both the



front-runners and the Rev Pat Robertson, who is the greatest threat to his conservative constituency.

Mr Kemp was yesterday endorsed by the *Boston Herald*, which called him "a man of genuine vision" and said he had conducted his campaign "above reproach". The conservative paper, like the other Boston media, has become a big influence in the campaign.

Mr Pete du Pont, who needs to do better today than his poll projections of 7 per cent to remain in the race, has been endorsed by the *Manchester Union-Leader*. However, this bedrock conservative paper has lost much of its notoriously vituperative influence.

Mr du Pont and Mr Kemp were the most spirited challengers to Mr Bush and Mr Dole in the final Republican debate on Sunday, as the front-runners decided to mask their bitter feud with a show of tempered civility. At one point Mr Kemp turned on Mr Bush, saying "you should be embarrassed" for suggesting the US should "give peace a chance" on the Soviet pull-out from Afghanistan. This stance indicates the need among Republican conservatives to demonstrate an almost visceral anti-communism.

Despite Mr Kemp's stinging accusations at the weekend that the Robertson camp had defamed him, he failed to attack Mr Robertson during the debate.

To the surprise of everyone, Mr Robertson claimed in the debate that the Russians had violated the Cuba agreement by deploying SS4 missiles there. The White House afterwards said it knew nothing about this, and yesterday Mr Robertson's aides said he had referred to launchers not missiles.

Mr Robertson's support here remains the big mystery of today's election. The latest polls show that despite the solid support of evangelicals, especially in the South, he arouses strong negative feelings among most voters. "Anyone who thinks he can move hurricanes shouldn't have his finger on the nuclear button," one Bush supporter here said.

On the Democratic side, two candidates will probably be eliminated today. Mr Bruce Babbitt, with only 3 per cent in the polls, has all but given up, but is gamely exhibiting his self-deprecating humour until the end.

Mr Gary Hart has seen his support erode disastrously in the state he won with a surprise victory over Mr Walter Mondale in 1984. With almost no staff, little money and travelling with only a small and embittered retinue, he has been insisting that he has something better — "the power of ideas". He said at the weekend he would stay in the race, even if he does poorly here. But he added: "I'm not a dog in the manger. I'm not a spoiler."



Governor Michael Dukakis, the Democratic presidential front-runner, and his wife leaving a campaign meeting at Derry.

Mr Richard Gephardt, suffering from the onslaught of rival Democrats who have made much of his "flip-flops", appears to have lost momentum and has slipped back behind Senator Simon. But the statistical difference is insignificant.

Mr Simon has conceded that he will not be able to keep going if he comes a poor third here. In these last hectic days he has taken aim also at Governor Michael Dukakis, the overwhelming Democratic front-runner, attacking his record on education and lack of foreign policy experience.

Mr Dukakis, confident and unruffled, has run an efficient and straightforward campaign, and maintains his lead by well over 2-1. He is being careful not to appear overconfident. With the final polls giving him some 40 per cent of the Democratic vote, compared with only 17 per cent for Senator Simon, his closest rival, Mr Dukakis seems assured of a big win, but insisted: "It ain't over till it's over."

Yesterday he visited his campaign headquarters in Concord and Manchester to thank his efficient teams there and encourage an all-out last-minute effort. He also walked around in the centre of Concord, the New Hampshire state capital, shaking hands and campaigning vigorously.

Mr Dukakis, whose popularity rests in large measure on his blocking the opening of an unpopular and now bankrupt nuclear power plant in southern New Hampshire, has run here also as a "favourite son".

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WORLD ROUNDUP

Poll clears path for Cyprus deal

Hopes of breaking the 14-year impasse in diplomatic efforts to reunite Cyprus rose yesterday after the defeat of President Kyprianou in the first round of presidential elections (Andrew McEwen writes). Both candidates in the run-off, which will be held next Sunday, are in favour of resuming the stalled peace process with the breakaway "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus".

Mr Glafkos Clerides, the conservative candidate, who polled 33.34 per cent of the vote, has said talks should begin as soon as possible. Mr George Vasiliou, who took 30.09 per cent and has the backing of the communist Akel party, is willing to meet Mr Rauf Denktas, the Turkish Cypriot leader. Diplomats in Ankara say that Turkey may withdraw up to 5,000 troops from the island to clear the way for talks.

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Curb on births

Peking (Reuter) — China will extend a system of rewards and punishments to curb unplanned pregnancies and limit population growth, family planning officials said yesterday.

They said that a family planning official would be appointed in every town and would be punished if too many babies were born. Women would be paid to sign birth contracts with the state and some areas have already introduced guarantees of old-age benefits for men and women who are sterilized after bearing just one child or two daughters.

Purge in Brunei

Bandar Seri Begawan (Reuter) — Brunei's opposition National Democratic Party has been dissolved and Abdul Latif Hamid, its president, has been detained, diplomatic sources said yesterday.

There were unconfirmed reports that Abdul Latif Chuchu, the party secretary-general, had fled from Brunei. In November he and Latif Hamid announced that they had urged Sir Muda Hassanal Bolkiah, Brunei's Sultan and one of the world's richest men, to resign as Prime Minister of "a feudal-style government."

Briton murdered

Mrs Jill Davis, aged 59, from Maidstone, Kent, was shot dead by robbers who held up tourists on a river cruise in northern Thailand. Mrs Sylvia Crozier, aged 48, from Sunderland, and Mrs Hazel Sheldon, aged 58, of Somerset, were wounded in the attack (Our Foreign Staff write).

Mrs Crozier's daughter, Lisa, said from their home: "Mum rang from hospital and said she had been shot in the thigh, but she stayed in just for the day." Mrs Cruzier told her daughter that the boat owner had tried to escape and the robbers then "opened fire at anything". Thai police said four men robbed four tourist boats on the Kok River and fired on two boats carrying the Britons when they tried to flee.

Paris on flood alert

Paris — Paris remained on red alert last night as the Seine continued to overflow in many areas, completely covering the lower ring road and the broad quays in the centre of the city (Susan MacDonald writes).

Continuous rain for three weeks has caused the river to rise 17ft above its normal 87ft depth, but it has not reached the catastrophic levels of 1910, when it rose 29ft and boats had to take to the Paris boulevards to rescue stranded people.

Koivisto wins vote

Helsinki — Finland's 301 strong electoral college sealed the re-election of President Koivisto for his second six-year term yesterday (Olli Kivinen writes).

Mr Koivisto received 189 votes in the second ballot, which is 38 more than needed for an absolute majority, after falling seven votes short in the first ballot. The electors were needed because none of the candidates received the needed 50 per cent of the popular vote a fortnight ago.

Migrant bear killed

Reykjavik (AFP, Reuter) — Exceptionally cold weather in Arctic regions has created an ice bridge between Greenland and Iceland, but a young Greenland polar bear which travelled abroad was shot dead by a farmer on arrival in northern Iceland. Official "shoot-to-kill" orders were given, despite lobbying efforts by environmentalists. Unlike Greenland, Iceland does not classify polar bears as a protected species.

Honour for Berry



West Berlin (AP) — Chuck Berry, right, the veteran American rock and roll star, in Berlin yesterday, where he was given the Berlinale Camera award on Sunday night as recognition for his work in both films and music. His film *Chuck Berry: Hail! Hail! Rock 'n Roll*, directed by Taylor Hackford, is being shown at the West Berlin International Film Festival.

Master of melody is dead

Palm Springs (AP) — Frederick Loewe, the composer who teamed with the lyricist Alan Jay Lerner to enchant audiences with classic musicals like "Gigi", "Camelot", "My Fair Lady" and "Brigadoon", has died.

Loewe, aged 86, died of heart failure in hospital on Sunday, Mr John Morris, a friend, said. He had been admitted on Wednesday with chest pains.

Lerner and Loewe produced such songs as "Almost Like Being in Love," and "I Could Have Danced All Night".

Gene Kelly, who appeared in the film version of "Brigadoon", said: "He was a fantastic man, an eccentric and an adventurer."

He added: "I was lucky to do 'Brigadoon' because it was a singer's picture. But Frederick helped make it a dancer's picture with my small Irish tenor called upon to sing all those wonderful songs."

The actress Leslie Caron, who played in "Gigi", said of Loewe: He looked a bit like Edward G. Robinson playing a gangster. When I first met him he put me off. Then I realized he was a softy."

When Lerner died in 1986, Loewe said: "It won't be long before we'll be writing together again. I just hope they have a decent piano up there."

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Gandhi reshuffle rounds up old political warhorses

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Observers have detected an unmistakable electoral purpose behind the latest ministerial changes in India.

Although Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, ruled out the possibility of mid-term polls, there is a round of parliamentary by-elections to be fought sooner or later and the Government's term of office is now well past the halfway mark. In addition, a vital state election will have to be held shortly in the southern state of Tamil Nadu.

With his ministerial reshuffle, Mr Gandhi has also girded himself to face a difficult budget session in Parliament next week, and a still more difficult summer ahead. In the course of the parliamentary session the report into the Bofors defence contracts scandal will be presented, and further disclosures are widely expected from the sleuths of the opposition-dominated press.

The Prime Minister's economic policy is likely to come under fire now that inflation is into double figures and rising, and the country is facing an extremely difficult situation with a desperate shortage of water and electricity.

Mr Gandhi is taking no chances with his changes. Although there are 13 new entrants he has not brought in new faces so much as recycled old ones. The key men in senior ministries have been left alone (with exception of the Agriculture Minister, Mr G.S. Dhillon, who has been dropped), and those brought in include some encouragingly ancient warhorses.

It is evident that Mr Gandhi hopes to persuade his party that there is an end to the experiments with personnel and policies, and that the last 20 months of his Government is to be a time of consolidation and reassurance.

New Cabinet members include Mr Dinesh Singh, who has been out of office for 17 years, having served under three previous Prime Ministers. He is the erstwhile Rajah of Kalakankar in Uttar Pradesh, and is regarded by some as a possible caste answer to the attraction of Mr V.P. Singh, the former Rajah of Mandi, who left Mr Gandhi's Government last year to form an opposition alliance.

Two other entrants are Mr Bindeswari Dubey and Mr Motilal Vora, who have been so unpopular or unsuccessful as Chief Ministers in Bihar and Madhya Pradesh that they have been replaced in the reshuffle.

Politicians brought into the junior ministerial ranks include Mr C.K. Jaffer Sharief, who left Mr Gandhi's ministry three years ago after publicly falling out with his senior minister at railways, and Mr L.P. Sahi, an old freedom fighter, who comes into the ministerial ranks at 68.

The dynastic principle is reaffirmed by the induction of Mr H.K. Shastri, the 50-year-old son of the late Prime Minister, Lal Bahadur Shastri, into the Agriculture ministry, and of Mrs Sumati Oraon, widow of a noted Bihar tribal politician.

Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar, all key Congress strongholds in the vital Hindi-speaking Gangetic belt, have all had their representation in the ministerial ranks increased, no doubt in the hope of improving electoral advantage.

At the same time, the removal of the Chief Ministers who had caused a good deal of party disaffection may have helped the same process.

While the changes have received, in general, a fairly neutral welcome, the editor of the opposition *Indian Express*, the largest circulation newspaper in the country, is in no doubt about where he stands.

"Nobodies," the editor, Mr Arun Shourie, said in a signed front-page editorial. "From Nowhere. To Nowhere."

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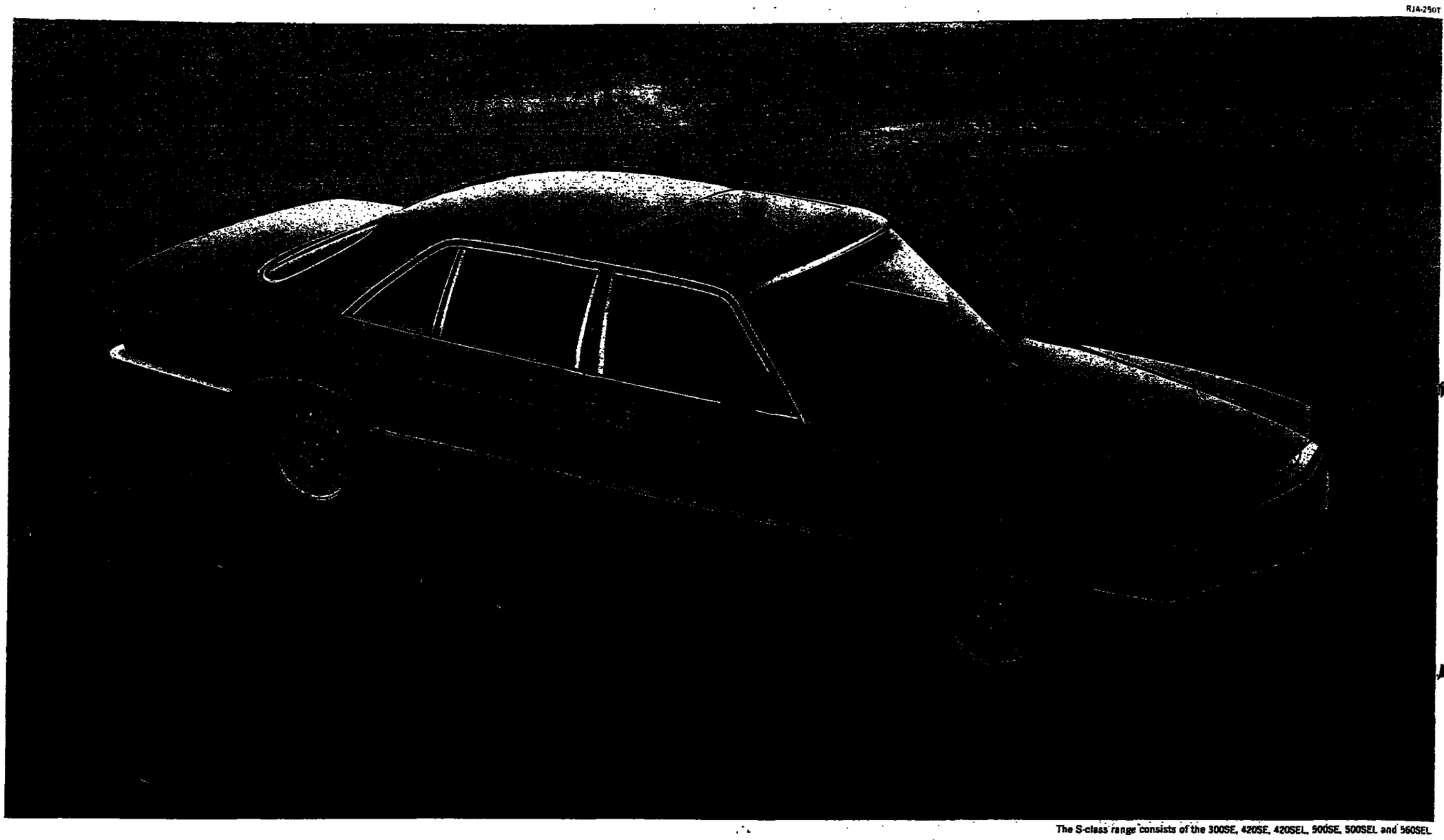
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Soldiers to be charged over West Bank atrocity as blast holes PLO ship

Israeli Army chief calls burials 'worse than a nightmare'

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

For Major-General Amram Mitzna, the Commander of the Army in the West Bank, the report that some of his men were involved in burying four Arabs alive is worse than a nightmare. "Even in my worst dreams I would never imagine such a thing," he said yesterday.

Yet after two months in which his troops have been under orders to beat stone-throwing Palestinians into submission, General Mitzna appeared not to be completely surprised by the atrocity. "I constantly warn commanders to expect the most awful things that could happen when soldiers find themselves all of a sudden commanding and deciding the lives of men."

Military police yesterday interviewed five Palestinians and witnesses of their "burial" at the village of Salem, near Nablus. The police are examining evidence against a major, sergeant and a private, who have been arrested, and a possibly against three others, in the same unit. They went to the village on February 5 to break up a demonstration to clear out roadblocks.

The soldiers are likely to be charged with unbecoming conduct and can claim only prison sentences.

The story police have told leaves little doubt about what happened. Several men in the unit stayed behind in the village when troops imposed a curfew after stopping a stone-throwing demonstration.

Along with civilian settlers they had gone into houses and ordered youths to clear away roadblocks of boulders and burning tyres. One youth said he burnt his hands on the tyres. Four of them said they were then beaten by troops and settlers and made to lie on the ground, when the man in command, who they believe was called "Charlie" trod on their legs and heads.

Investigators were told that a soldier then clubbed them and "Charlie" ordered a civilian bulldozer driver, who was



Mustafa Abdel Majid, one of four youths buried alive, there to build a barricade across the road, to drive over them. He refused but obeyed instructions to dump about two feet of sand over them.

The troops then left and the identified villagers, who described what they saw to the investigators, pulled the four out before they were asphyxiated. One was detained in hospital for eight days for treatment, while the others were released the same day.

Army sources initially dismissed the story as Palestinian propaganda. Major Ofray Preuss, central command's spokeswoman, said yesterday: "I have a big imagination but this was beyond my imagination." Eventually press inquiries forced the Army to investigate and the story was found to be true.

Military police are meant to investigate all cases of excessive brutality as well as the wrongful use of firearms. Several officers have been suspended from duty for allowing men to get out of control, and a number of soldiers have been convicted of using excessive violence.

Under Israeli military law, a soldier can be prosecuted for disobeying an order, even if it is illegal. However, if the order is "manifestly illegal" he can be prosecuted for obeying it. He may obey an order to beat people, but he must not kill to order, other than in self-defence.

As the disturbances continue, the number of violent incidents has increased. One military observer said: "Many of themselves humiliated as soldiers and as young men when they have to stand opposite Arab women and children who provoke them. They witness the humiliation of the Army and the state's symbols and yet have orders to restrain themselves as much as possible.

"One of the results is frustration and a tendency towards extremism in opinions and emotions, anger at the Arabs, and a desire to settle accounts with those who are provoking them."





The Sol Phryne, left, listing slightly at Limassol after yesterday's explosion, which Mr Fouad Al Bittar, right, PLO head in Athens, blamed on Israel.

Cyprus bomb cripples Palestinian boat

By Our Foreign Staff

Nicosia, Cyprus (AP) — Confusion surrounds the underwater explosion which yesterday blew a hole in a ship hours before passengers, including Palestinian deportees, were to go on board for a voyage to Israel. No one was injured in the blast, the second in two days in the Limassol area, following a car bomb on Sunday that killed three Arabs identified here as Palestine Liberation Organization officials.

The PLO immediately blamed Israel for the explosion, but at least three organizations, including a Palestinian splinter group, separately claimed that they were responsible.

Mr Fouad Al Bittar, head of the PLO mission in Athens, told a press conference in the city that the Israelis were clearly behind the holing of the 6,154-ton Cypriot-owned ferry Sol Phryne at Limassol in Cyprus since they were "the only ones concerned".

In a call to a news agency in Nicosia, a man saying he spoke for the Kach organization of Rabbi Meir Kahane said: "We are Kach International. We are responsible for the bomb in Limassol. It was set in a car that was on the first floor of the ship." This claim conflicts with that of a marine surveyor who said the explosion occurred outside the ship.

An anonymous caller to another news agency in Cyprus claimed the US-based Jewish Defence League was responsible. "This is only a warning," he said. "Next time we will bomb it with all the people on it." The man spoke English and the call appeared to come from abroad.

When asked if the Jewish Defence League was also responsible for the killing of three PLO officers in Limassol on Sunday, the caller said "No comment" and hung up. Security sources in Cyprus said the three Palestinians had been connected with the Sol Phryne charter deal.

In another call to a news agency in Athens, the Damascus-based Palestinian splinter group, the Salvation Front, also claimed responsibility for the blast.

The PLO spokesman in Athens, Mr Bassam Abu Sharif, said after the explosion that the voyage of the "ship of return" would begin once repairs were made to the hull of the Sol Phryne. Neither he nor Mr Bittar could give any indication of when that would be. "An explosive charge was planted in the ship that was supposed to carry the journey of return," Mr Sharif told reporters.

"The ship is under repair now. The journey will take place and we know that our battle for peace with the Israelis is not an easy one," he said, adding that the ferry was to carry the 430 deportees and accompanying observers and journalists to the Israeli port of Haifa. Israel has warned that it will not allow the ship to enter its waters.

Meanwhile, a PLO spokesman in Algiers has said that another ship will be obtained for the voyage.

In Limassol the ship's master, Captain Cleanthis Vlahopoulos, a Greek from Athens, told reporters at Limassol that he heard "a loud bang in the early hours of yesterday morning. The crew, he said, quickly abandoned the vessel, which had begun taking water through a hole in its port side. "The boat was shaking and then it listed," he said. The crew later returned to the vessel.

Asked in Jerusalem about the explosion, Mr Baruch Marzel, a spokesman for Rabbi Kahane, now a member of the Israeli Parliament and presently out of the country, said: "I think this is a great act to sanctify the Lord. This is an excellent deed and I bless the people who did it." But he would not comment on the anonymous call to the news agency in Nicosia, saying: "I am not allowed to talk about it. We have orders not to talk about all these issues. These are our internal matters."

He added that the Kach Party had rented a ship "that is able to take about 40 people" and planned to block the PLO ship if it sailed.

The Palestinian deportees and hundreds of accompanying reporters and observers had already gathered at Athens airport to fly to Cyprus for the much-delayed voyage when news of the explosion came through.

The deportees range from taxi drivers and manual workers to a university professor, an Anglican bishop and parliamentarians from Israel, Italy, Belgium and Ireland, and peace activists from the United States and Europe. The voyage is aimed at dramatizing international opposition to Israeli violence in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Kinnock criticizes Shamir for blocking peace moves

From Philip Webster, Cairo

Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday started his Middle East tour with fierce criticism of Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister of Israel, for his "obstructive" attitude to peace initiatives in the occupied territories.

Mr Kinnock prepared the ground for a tense confrontation with the Israeli leader later this week when he said, after a meeting with President Mubarak of Egypt, that Mr Shamir's approach "produces stagnation that can be to nobody's benefit".

The Labour leader called on the United States to increase the pace of its Middle East peace effort, and cast doubt on the chances of the latest American peace initiative succeeding without a commitment to a full international peace conference.

Outside the presidential palace, he disclosed Mr Mubarak's view that the proposal, unveiled last week and to be followed up shortly by a visit to the region by Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, was "unlikely in the time available to be really productive".

The scheme envisages an international "opening" to discussions on interim plans for limited autonomy in the occupied territories before full negotiations on final status by December.

Mr Kinnock said: "My belief, and I get the strong impression Mr Mubarak's belief, is that the Americans should now, even before George Shultz comes to the Middle East, shift gear and move their position to give that full enthusiasm."

●ROME: Mr Shamir flew here yesterday for talks with Italian leaders about the prospects for a Middle East peace settlement (Roger Boyes writes). His reception by politicians and trade unionists was at best frosty.

Mr Shamir's first move was to cancel a meeting with the chairman of the three main Italian trade union federations which had helped to organize a weekend demonstration which called on Israel to recognize Palestinian rights.

Olympic Games fever

Seoul goes for the gold

From Gavin Bell, Seoul

The Gate to World Peace is still a jumble of scaffolding, and the running track is covered with snow. But the 1,780 extra-long beds have been ordered, and hundreds of taxi drivers are dutifully learning a new English phrase daily.

With seven months to go before the opening of the Seoul Olympics, the city is bustling towards its big day with the energy and enthusiasm of an emergent nation preparing for independence — which, in a sense, it is.

For South Korea, the Games of the XXIVth Olympiad are far more than an international festival of sport. They represent a golden opportunity to be accepted in the select league of advanced nations, and to inflict a diplomatic reverse on North Korea by forging important political and economic ties with the hitherto closed communist world.

Thus the erstwhile hermit kingdom, and its ancient capital in particular, is gripped by Olympic fever.

While workmen swarm around the Olympic park and its ceremonial gate, department stores and street markets are already overflowing with "official" souvenirs bearing the friendly figure of *Hodori*, the Korean tiger cub chosen as the Games mascot.

In their multi-storey headquarters overlooking the Olympic park, members of the organizing committee tune in to daily broadcasts of a BBC course entitled *Olympic English*. Across the city, at the Il-Jin taxi company, 300 drivers gather to chant in unison phrases such as "Welcome to Seoul" and "Where to, sir?" before starting their shifts.

The 2,000-year-old city is also sprucing itself up for an estimated 230,000 visitors during the two-week extravaganza. Some $832 million (£473 million) has been spent cleaning up the heavily polluted Han river flowing past the competition venues, and thousands of new street lights are being installed.

Messrs Coe and Cram may be pleased to learn that the authorities have also ordered all factories near competition sites to halt or limit their operations during the Games to diminish air pollution.

With the threat of a communist boycott behind them, the organizers are focusing on the more insidious danger of attacks by North Korean terrorists. Athletes and officials will probably enjoy the tightest security in Olympic history, ranging from a triple fence with an electronic intrusion system around their residences to an aircraft carrier battle group from the US Pacific Fleet off the coast.

In addition to South Korea's pervasive intelligence agencies, an elite corps of 60,000 police and military guards has been formed to protect stadia, training sites, cultural venues and tourist hotels. The national police plan to mobilize a further 120,000 officers to ensure, among other things, that no dastardly assassin gets a marathon runner in his sights.

● Taxi drivers gather to chant such English phrases as "Where to, sir?" before work starts ●

Mr Hwang Kyu Ung, director of the organizing committee's security department, said: "Tight security inevitably invites inconvenience, but inconvenience is far better than misfortune."

It now seems likely that the only North Korean to witness an Olympic event will be a member of the cloak-and-dagger brigade, since officials discount the possibility of Pyongyang's hosting any of the sports. The South Korean committee, carefully attributing its view to remarks by Señor Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee, says that it would be impossible to make the necessary arrangements in the time remaining.

Whatever other benefits South Korea may derive from the Games, it is predicting a net profit of $271 million from an overall investment of $3.1 billion. About 20 countries, including Britain, have already sold their allocations of tickets for the opening and closing ceremonies, and hotel rooms are likely to be as highly prized as gold medals.

By the end of last month, all but 900 of the 29,400 hotel rooms in Seoul and its outskirts were booked for the Olympic period. The authorities are now inspecting 9,000 inns and 500 private homes with a view to accommodating the influx of visitors.

Some 10,000 flats built for official delegations, journalists and tourists near the Olympic venues have been sold to South Koreans, who will move in a few weeks after the athletes have gone home.

Apart from the kingsize beds for the likes of Daley Thompson, they are being equipped with computerized appliances allowing residents to activate heating and cooking systems by dialling a telephone number from outside — just the thing after a hard day on the track.

For the present, with Korea in the grip of its customary severe winter, the Olympic park and the main stadium a mile away have a forlorn aspect. The trees are bare, the artificial lake is frozen, and ice forms every night on the vast dome of the half-completed swimming pool.

The park is a historic site. It was the fortress and royal burial ground of the Paekje kingdom (18BC-AD669), and is still known by its ancient name of Mong Chon or "dream village". For modern Korea, it is an appropriate arena for realizing a vision of national prestige.

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Nato searches for way through weapons maze

Tomorrow, less than a week after the bruising EEC sessions on farm reform, Mrs Thatcher returns to Brussels to prepare the ground for the Nato summit on March 2-3, called to resolve the disarray over the West's disarmament priorities before the next superpower meeting in the summer.

The issues are no less painful than agricultural subsidy cuts, and certainly no less important to Europeans.

The immediate dilemma is whether Nato should abolish or update the short-range atomic weapons left in West Germany after the removal of cruise and Pershing2 under the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty agreed last December in Washington.

Bonn wants the issue high on the agenda and is against modernization, except as part of a coherent post-INF strategy. The short-range issue, therefore, relates to talks on conventional and chemical arms — the top priorities for Mrs Thatcher and President Mitterrand of France.

But the long-term question is whether Nato's strategy of flexible response, based on a graded mix of nuclear and conventional defences to respond to any level of Warsaw Pact aggression, can survive at all.

Some Nato officials fear not. They privately warn that, after the removal of medium-range missiles — once said to be vital to European defences — the publics of Western Europe are questioning the deterrent value of nuclear weapons.

One diplomat said: "It would be far more difficult to deploy new missiles today than in 1983, after the decision to respond to the SS20 threat. Europeans are now less alarmed by the Soviet threat, partly because Gorbachov seems benevolent." Nor will Europeans be easily persuaded to spend more on expensive improvements on conventional forces.

Moscow's repeated warnings to Nato not to take "compensatory measures" to ensure Warsaw Pact targets remain covered after the INF deal find an echo in Western opinion, which wants the disarmament process consolidated and taken further and is suspicious of anything which looks like a backward step.

Brussels View
By Richard Owen

Even after the removal of cruise and Pershing2, Nato will have several thousand nuclear warheads in Europe to make Moscow think twice about using its huge arsenal.

Nato's remaining arms, apart from short-range missiles and nuclear-capable artillery, include missiles launched both in the air and from submarines — without taking into account the British and French independent forces.

But the worrying gap for Nato is in land-based missiles at or near the front line. The West Germans remain anxious about updating land-based, short-range weapons, such as Lance — which has a range of 70 miles — to bring them up to the 300 miles permitted in the wake of the INF Treaty.

A senior Nato source said: "If the US Congress voted funds for a new Lance, Western Europeans — and especially West Germans — simply would not want it on their soil."

One fear is that, if the short-range missiles are not modernized, they will become obsolete. Europe — particularly Bonn — would then become susceptible to the Soviet argument that the INF "double zero" should be followed by a "third zero", eliminating short-range weapons altogether.

This would be a decisive step toward the denuclearization of Europe, which is strongly opposed by Mrs Thatcher.

It would also reinforce the spectre of a decoupling of Europe from America, since the presence of US nuclear missiles in Europe has in the past symbolized the transatlantic defence bond.

Mr Frank Carlucci, the US Secretary of Defence, gave a warning in Munich this month that, if short-range missiles were not upgraded, Washington might have to re-assess its military presence in Europe, because its troops would lack protection.

So the question for Mrs Thatcher is to determine in what direction she should point the Western alliance. There is a growing feeling in Nato that the West should go ahead with plans to modernize the short-range missiles, while also pursuing a 50 per cent cut in strategic arms and testing Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's post-INF intentions through the proposed new talks in Vienna on imbalances in conventional forces.

Some voices in the US Congress even want Washington to link the proposed cuts in superpower strategic missiles to East-West progress in the conventional and chemical weapons fields to force Moscow's hand. Yet this, too, would arouse European anxieties that the Americans were imposing impossible conditions on Moscow over conventional forces to avoid further nuclear disarmament.

In other words, many Europeans now see atomic weapons as more of a threat than a protection, and want security based on a conventional balance. They may be willing to accept a situation in which there is no "middle rung" of land-based nuclear missiles to stand between a Warsaw Pact conventional attack and the use of American strategic missiles.

Some Nato experts question in private whether a US President would authorize a strategic nuclear response to a Soviet attack on Europe. One European Nato expert said: "We need nuclear weapons in Europe, not because they compensate for conventional weaknesses but because they deter.

"Our task is to get this across: restore the consensus. It does not follow that, if Gorbachov makes us a conventional forces offer, we cannot refuse, we can then agree not to modernize or replace our remaining nuclear missiles on the grounds that the conventional threat had been neutralized."

But many people in Western Europe might think that it does follow.

Mrs Thatcher and the Nato summit have to face both West German anxieties about short-range weapons after INF, and the reality that the treaty, and the prospect of a reduced Soviet conventional threat as the next step, affect the consensus about the role of nuclear weapons on which Nato policy has been based.

It will take more than Mrs Thatcher's one-day visit, or even a two-day summit next month, to carry out the long-term rethink of Nato strategy needed as a result.

Stroessner is re-elected amid claims of poll fraud

From Alan Riding, Asunción

President Stroessner of Paraguay has been overwhelmingly elected to an eighth term amid opposition charges that the voting was marked by widespread fraud.

The outcome of the election on Sunday was never in doubt, but the results seemed to reflect the Government's desire to show that an opposition campaign calling on voters to abstain or to spoil their ballots had failed.

While opposition spokesmen asserted that more than 50 per cent of voters in many urban areas had abstained, the Government announced voter turn-outs of 90 to 98 per cent, even in areas where the opposition has support.

In a speech broadcast on radio and television, Dr Sabino Montanaro, the Minister of the Interior, said that General Stroessner and the Colorado Party's slate of candidates won 982,316 votes, or 90 per cent of the ballots counted. Señor Luis María Vega of the Radical Liberal Party had 78,141 votes, or 7 per cent, and Señor Carlos Ferreira Ybarra of the Liberal Party had 32,403 votes, or 3 per cent.

Foreign diplomats said it would be impossible to obtain accurate election results because the process was tightly controlled by the Government and the Colorado Party.

But the diplomats said that the opposition had succeeded more than in previous elections in drawing local and international attention to the authoritarian nature of the regime that seized power 34 years ago. The Government has unwittingly helped the opposition by ordering armed police to break up protest marches organized by the Committee for Free Elections.

The committee, which includes six small political parties as well as some labour and student groups, had planned to hold a series of anti-government demonstrations outside churches on Sunday, but several were forestalled by police action.

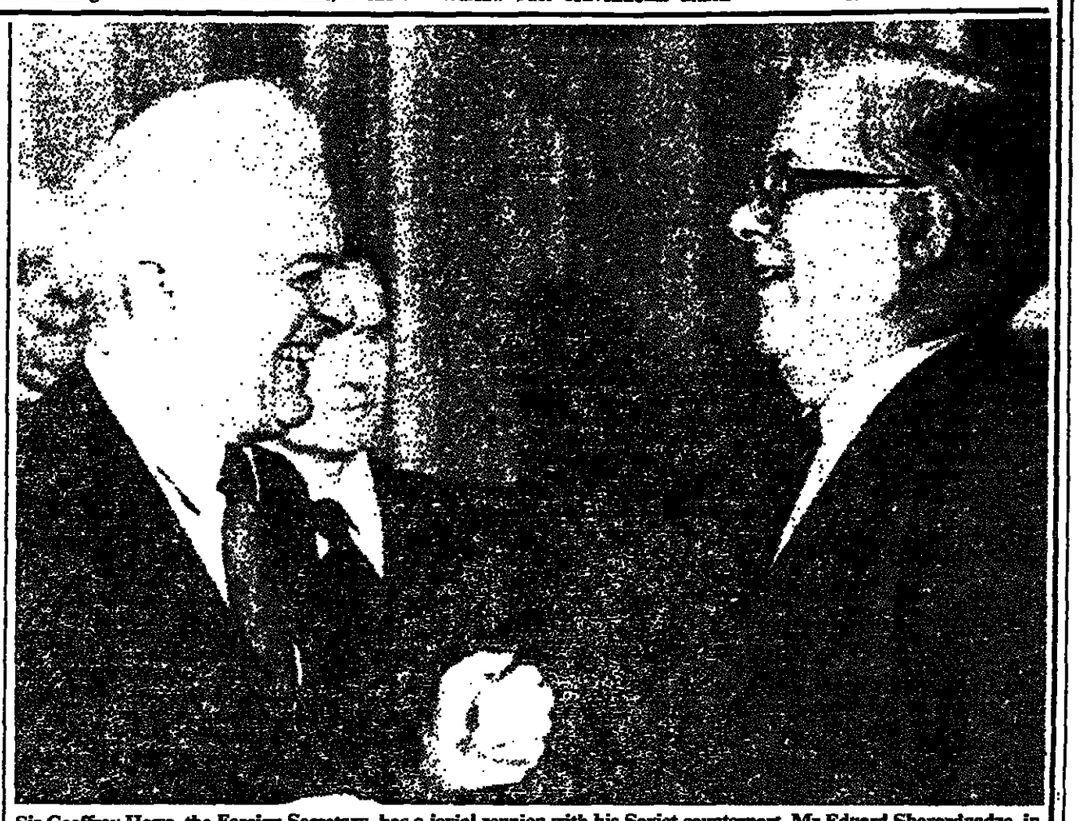
Señor Domingo Laíno, a prominent opposition leader, was arrested with three others before dawn on Sunday as they drove to the town of Caaguazú to lead one such protest. They were released in Asunción 12 hours later.

Two leading Colorado Party dissidents, Señor Carlos Romero Arce and Señor Waldiro Ramón Lovera, were also stopped by the police as they drove on Sunday morning to the town of Ypacarai. Witnesses said both were beaten by police agents.

Señor Laíno told reporters that, despite what he called Sunday's "electoral masquerade", the opposition would keep up its offensive until a scheduled visit here in May by the Pope.

With the temperature in the 90s, Asunción's streets on Sunday were silent and almost empty. One woman and her ageing mother said they had voted for General Stroessner because he guaranteed "peace and tranquillity", but many younger voters said they had abstained, explaining with a smile that they had lost their electoral permits.

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Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, has a jovial reunion with his Soviet counterpart, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, in Mosow yesterday. Sir Geoffrey and his wife later had the rare honour of dining with Mr and Mrs Shevardnadze at their flat.

Stolen Nazi files 'in Britain'

From John England, Bonn

Many of the 80,000 top secret Nazi files stolen from the American-administered Berlin Document Centre are believed to be in the hands of British collectors or dealers in Nazi memorabilia.

According to the West Berlin newspaper *Berliner Morgenpost*, the missing documents include "explosive and so far highly secret" files on leading figures of the Third Reich. Herr Volker Kähne, spokesman for the West Berlin justice authorities, said yesterday: "We understand that many of them have been sold to British dealers or collectors.

"It will obviously be difficult to get them back, because no one will be willing to admit that he possesses stolen property. But we are in touch with the British police."

Herr Kähne said the West Berlin public prosecutor was investigating the German deputy head of the centre, as well as many dealers in Nazi memorabilia throughout West Germany, on suspicion of theft or receiving stolen property. Some of the documents were said to have been sold for up to £1,666 each, he added.

The *Berliner Morgenpost* said huge sums had been made by a well-organized group that blackmailed prominent West Germans over their Nazi pasts. But Herr Kähne said the authorities had no evidence to support that report.

About 1,500 documents had been recovered, he added. They included a letter from the famed U-boat commander, Günther Prien, to his superiors; a letter from Dr Theo Morell, Hitler's personal physician, to a high-ranking SS officer; and a paper written in 1933 by Wilhelm Canaris, German military intelligence chief from 1935 to 1944.

The Americans have made several attempts to hand over the archives to the West Germans, who have expressed little interest in them.

Return to emergency rejected

Manila — Communist gunmen were accused yesterday of murdering another policeman in broad daylight, but the Philippines House of Representatives voted unanimously to reject any government moves to bring back emergency rule to fight the 19-year-long communist insurgency (Our Correspondent writes).

The policeman, Mr Pablito Cruz, was shot while driving to work with his wife in a Manila suburb. Four men opened fire on his car as it slowed down at a railway crossing, killing him instantly.

Last Saturday, another policeman was murdered in an open-air dance hall. There have been almost 80 assassinations in the past year.

Expulsion of Basques alarms lawyers

From Philip Jacobson, Hendaye, south-west France

Madrid (Reuter) — Basque guerrillas and the Spanish Government are deadlocked over a proposal to end violence in the separatists' war for independence (Reuter reports). Eta said yesterday that its guerrillas had not formally laid down arms despite the ceasefire offer last month and repeated that there would be no formal ceasefire without preliminary talks. But the Government has said there will be no talks before a ceasefire.

Sirens wailing, headlights flashing, a convoy of police cars escorts a grey prison van through this little border town and across the St Jacques bridge that marks the frontier with Spain. Just beyond "no man's land" armed Spanish security men stub out cigarettes and begin checking their papers.

After brisk greetings all round, documents are signed and exchanged and a dark-haired youth in civilian clothes is handed over to the Spanish authorities.

He is last seen climbing into a van with barred windows, then another convoy speeds him away to face interrogation about links with Eta, the Basque separatist movement.

Scenes like this are becoming increasingly common in Hendaye, which nestles beneath the Pyrenees in the heart of Basque country. For almost six months, an impressive force of frontier guards, helicopter-born gendarmes, paramilitary commandos, and intelligence agents has been scouring the region in an attempt to smash the last of the Eta networks on this side of the border.

With the military wing of Eta in disarray after the security operations that followed last October's discovery of a key base not far from Hendaye, the full rigour of France's tough new anti-terrorist legislation is now being directed against the large community of Spanish Basque refugees.

In one sweep after another, suspected activists — a phrase which embraces anything from sheltering a wanted man to distributing separatist literature — are being expelled under a procedure known as *urgence absolue*.

What that means is exemplified by the case of Juli Otegui, whose husband was handed over in this fashion last summer. She was recently detained by an armed police squad on the way to collect her four-year-old child from kindergarten.

That evening she, too, was driven across the bridge at Hendaye after a magistrate in Paris had approved her immediate expulsion on allegations that she had no opportunity to challenge.

According to the respected newspaper *Le Monde*, the security forces frequently set out on such operations with blank expulsion orders already signed, filling in the names as suspects are picked up in Basque strongholds like "petite Bayonne" or the little villages clinging to the slopes of the Pyrenees.

On other occasions, detainees are immediately flown to Paris to appear before M Michel Legrand, the magistrate presiding over the capital's 14th section, the nerve centre of France's legal assault on terrorism (some are promptly flown back and expelled after a brief hearing).

This remorseless pressure on Eta's civilian support is straight from the counter-insurgency textbook, designed to keep the remaining hard-core fighters on the run.

But it is also attracting growing criticism from French lawyers and human rights organizations, alarmed at the systematic avoidance of normal legal procedures — "an ominous blow to the independence of the courts in favour of the executive," warned the Syndicate of Advocates.

There is particular concern about the use of anti-terrorism legislation against French citizens (Basques and others) who, for reasons of ideology or humanity, may have assisted the refugees from Spain.

Scores of people in the French Basque region have already been picked up, sometimes in dawn raids in front of their anguished families, on the grounds of "association with wrongdoers".

There have been numerous cases in which the authorities were amply justified: providing false papers or shelter to a known terrorist, agreeing to store a cache of stolen weapons.

Airlines get bill for unpaid Australia arrival tax

From Our Correspondent, Sydney

Thousands of visitors to Australia have refused to pay a controversial new £2 arrival fee.

Since the fee was introduced on January 1, to coincide with the start of the bicentennial celebrations, an estimated 96,000 air travellers have either refused or failed to pay. They already have to pay an £8 departure tax.

Thirty international airlines, including British Airways, are being held responsible by the Australian Government for the missing money, which will total almost £1½ million by the end of the year at the present rate.

The immigration clearance fee — the Government refuses to call it a tax — has provoked a storm of protest, and there have been incidents of passengers abusing airline staff. Tourism officials and airline companies complain it is ruining Australia's image of friendliness and hospitality.

Mr Pat Birdy of British Airways said: "About 38 per cent of all passengers have refused to pay so far. Since it is extremely difficult to collect the fee on departure, the whole system is in danger of breaking down. The airlines are now seeking an urgent meeting with the Government to try to resolve the problem".

The International Air Transport Association (Iata) has made it clear it disagrees with making airlines responsible for collecting the tax, which is taken from passengers not as they arrive but when they leave Australia and have to pay the £8 departure tax.

Immigration officials refuse to let anyone board an aircraft without the departure tax stamp, but passengers without the arrival stamp are being allowed through.

What particularly annoys the airlines is that many of the arrivals are immigrants from whom they will have no opportunity to reclaim the fee.

Sir Frank Moore, Chairman of the Australian Tourism Industry Association, has urged the Government to halt collection of the immigration clearance fee pending a review.

●CANBERRA: The Labor Government reshuffled its Cabinet yesterday in the wake of a scandal over cash contributions to the party's campaign. Mr Clyde Holding became Minister of Immigration, replacing Mick Young, who resigned last week. Mr Holding was replaced as Transport Minister by Mr Peter Morris, whose housing portfolio was taken over by Mr Peter Staples. The newcomer to the Cabinet was Mr Nick Bolkus, appointed Minister of Consumer Affairs.

Polish fight

Warsaw (AFP) — The outlawed Polish Socialist Party, which was founded three months ago, has pledged to fight to change the constitution to end the monopoly of the Communists.

Peace protest

Miyazaki (AFP) — Japan and the US began a military exercise off the western Japanese islands of Kyushu and Shikoku amid protests by local pacifist groups.

Marine dies

Limoges (AFP) — One of three US Marines injured by a grenade blast at a training camp in central France at the weekend has died of his injuries.

School riot

Nairobi (AFP) — Kenyan police arrested up to 30 children after rioting pupils burnt and partly destroyed their boarding school at Nyeri.

Planes hit

Baghdad (Reuter) — Iraq said its anti-aircraft gunners shot down two unmanned Iranian surveillance aircraft over the southern sector of its war front with Tehran.

Bomb defused

Tegucigalpa (AFP) — A car bomb was defused inside the headquarters of the US Army in Honduras at Palmerola.

Coining it

Reno (AFP) — A Nevada businessman won $6.9 million (£3.96 million) from a slot machine.

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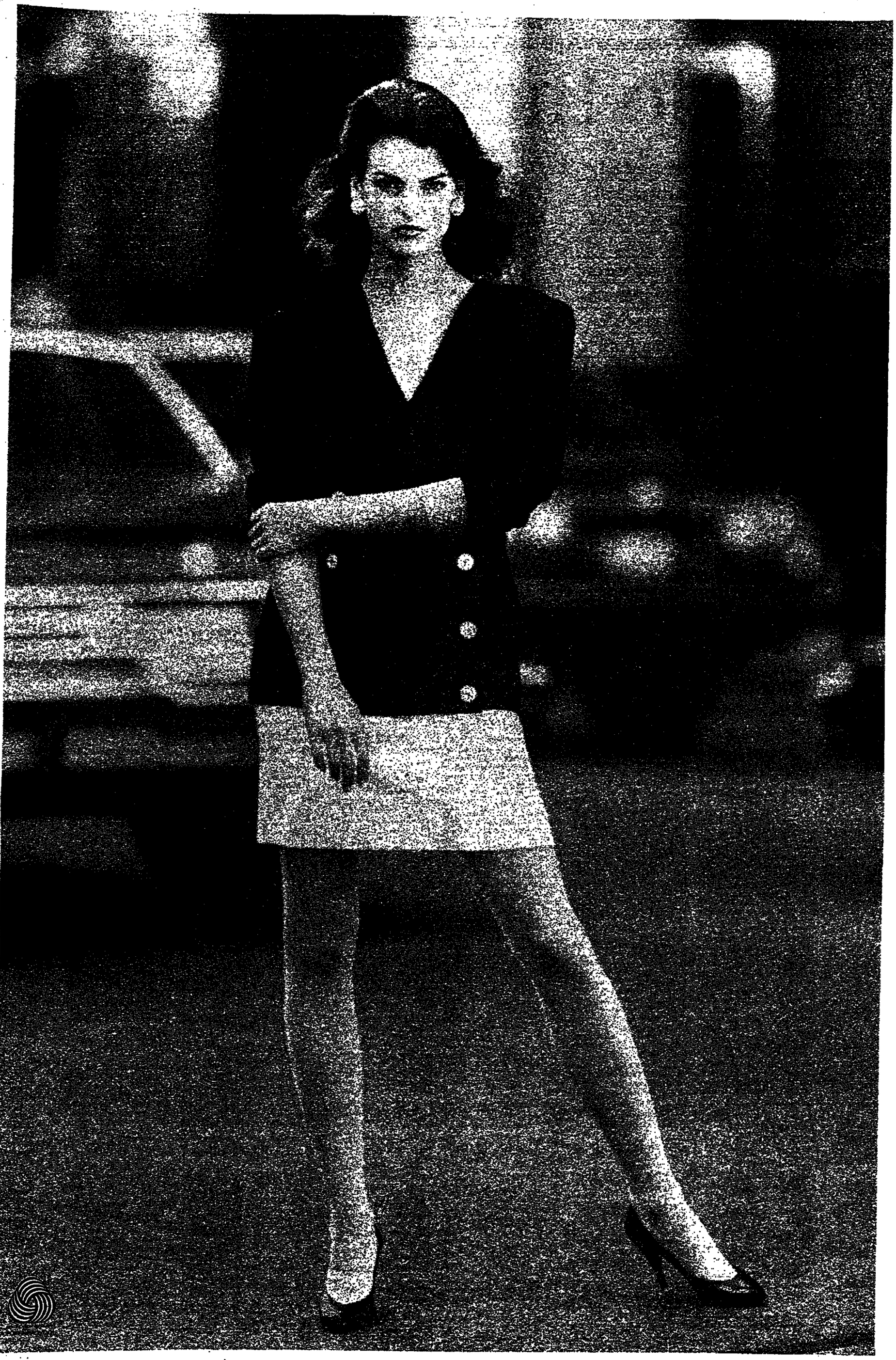
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● This week *The Times* examines what we are teaching children. We begin with 100 questions that a panel of experts think sixth-form school leavers should be able to answer. Alan Franks tried them out in schools around the country



The questions they got wrong — or rather the *ways* in which they got them wrong — were an education in themselves. As with *1066 And All That*, there was just the germ of plausibility in even the worst howlers. Like this one from a pupil (male, 17, sciences) in answer to question 48 (Name five of the British Prime Ministers since the war): Wilson, Callaghan, Thatcher, Thatcher, Thatcher.

Let us first get some of the other gems out of the way, while remembering that many of them are the offerings of otherwise high-scoring and intelligent sixth-formers who by the summer can expect to have three A levels to their credit: the first man to set foot on the moon was Yuri Gageller, the school in *Nicholas Nickleby* is Greyfriars, the Roman Catholic thriller-writer is Lewis Carroll, *War Requiem* was composed by Andrew Lloyd-Webber, Crick, Watson and Wilkins discovered the hot air balloon, the Prime Minister of France is, Nelson Piquet, the Big Bang occurred in 1605, Aids is one of the two biggest killers in Britain and "To err is human, to forgive, divine" was written by Pope Alexander II.

So, reader, for maximum benefit from this page, stop here and resume only when you have attempted the questions yourself.

The object of our exercise was to gauge what our school-leavers know — not only of historical dates, situations of rivers and geometric formulae — but also of the wider worlds of current affairs and general knowledge; a goal as simple as its attainment is impossible. Before (and after) you have picked holes in the paper, bear in mind that the bulk of the pupils we tested thought it fair. When asked whether they considered it a pushover or beyond their range, none said yes to the first, and 12 to the second.

The reaction of adults, both teachers and laymen, was rather more impetuous, a first glance drawing gasps of "They'll never get that", or else "But that's ridiculously easy" and not a lot in between.

Of the 97 candidates, the scores ranged from 28 to 80, with an average of 53 per cent. We agreed with the schools in their view that this should *not* purport to be a comparative study between the state and private sectors, comprehensive and grammar, let alone a contest between individual institutions. What we wanted, for a change, was a broad trawl of sixth-formers, with a good mix of specialities.

From our four schools — Pate's Grammar in Cheltenham, Jordanhill College School (comprehensive) in Glasgow, Hampstead Comprehensive in north London and St Paul's (boys' public) in west London, each of which fielded teams of between 17 and 32 — we got a sample in which 64 were studying mainly but not entirely science subjects, and 33 mainly arts. The girls, through no design of ours, were outnumbered 37 to 60 by the boys. Perhaps they were on the bright side of the norm, but not so bright that there weren't a few answers of "Reagan" to question four (Which world leader is associated with the policy of *glasnost*?).

'Barchester! Dotheboys Hall! It just confirms my view, people don't read'

Next, the question of how we selected the questions. First we selected our selectors, in whom we sought, among other things, a string of *alphas* for educational theory and classroom credibility. What, we stressed, was it not only desirable but also expectable for our pupils to know? We emphatically did not want questions that would merely flatter pupils in the "good at work" category; nor any that demanded an explanatory answer, which meant that attractive suggestions such as "Does the UK have a balance of payments surplus or deficit and why does this matter?" were inadmissible.

The panel was: Neil Fletcher, leader of the Inner London Education Authority, Britain's biggest; Sir David Nickson, president of the Confederation of British Industry; John Rae, writer on education and former head of Westminster School; Lord Beloff, the historian; Richard Hoggart, author of *The Uses of Literacy*, and Illtyd Harrington, English teacher and former chairman of the Greater London Council.

The candidates were given about an hour for the paper, although the average time required to complete it as far as they could was probably not much more than 30 minutes.

In the event, the EEC and the first man on the moon tied in first place as the questions most frequently answered correctly, with Shakespeare, the right-angle triangle and the giant panda joint third. The only one answered correctly by none was question 69, arguably unfair since it sought five pieces of information. (Here 47 candidates could supply three or more.)

Kenneth Baker will be glad to learn that the system works well enough to have 61 of the 97 identify him as Secretary of State for Education, but he might not be so happy about some of the unsolicited remarks in brackets. For example: "ugh," "ha ha" and "unfortunately".

While Princess Anne (question 14) emerged quite eminently with 74, Messrs Auden and Eliot (questions 28 and 67 respectively) were blanked in almost total obscurity (Oscar Wilde got a vote for the first one, as did Spike Milligan.) No *great* surprises here, perhaps, but what about question 29 (What was the Final Solution?)? A mere 12 respondents got it right, though the marking was generous and gave a tick even if the authors of the Solution were not identified. (St Paul's, incidentally, were clear leaders in this question, with seven correct respondents.) So what were the rest thinking about? Apart from the huge majority of blanks, there were the following answers, in order of frequency: nuclear war; 42 (a reference to *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*); $e=mc^2$, and a book.

Current affairs and politics generally did not fare well, and the complaint about there being nothing resembling proper teaching in the field recurred at every school. Denis Healey and the Davids, Owen and Steel, kept on becoming post-War prime ministers, while almost everyone except Wilson — usually Heath and Thatcher — said that a week in politics is a long time.

As a consensus, ignorance on current affairs did not arise from apathy, but the other way round. At Hampstead a 17-year-old girl (arts) was resigned to the fact that because "teaching about politics is a political thing in itself, isn't it?", it was unlikely to figure prominently on a timetable at any school. But isn't the teaching of history political by the same token? "Yes, perhaps, but not so much, the more you go further back."

At Jordanhill it was a similar story: terrific hunger for more awareness about things behind the daily flow of political news (the workings of Parliament, for example). These were very alert, sociable pupils; but on their own admission, after one of them had challenged another, none felt confident enough to offer a brief description of the Labour or the Conservative Party. One had a stab at Communism, which was "when everybody's the same".

At Pate's, pupils identified two areas — social and employment — as ones in which you suffer if you are not well-informed. Most of the 32 agreed with the girl who thought she wanted to be a political researcher when she said that a knowledge of current affairs was vital at interviews: "It doesn't matter what job it's for. I'd feel terrible if I went along without reading the papers first."

Read the papers she may, but most of the 97 must get their news from television, so many wild variants of the Gorbachov spelling did they produce. Spelling generally was as bad as it has always been, with even Shakespeare losing his last e and Princess Royal acquiring it rather too often for comfort.

Our candidates were unrepentant. This from a St Paul's boy: "I used to know the answers to a lot of these. I would have done better when I was doing O levels."

We duly relayed some of our findings to the panel. Lord Beloff felt the sciences had come off not too badly, but was distressed by the literary findings: "Barchester! Dotheboys Hall! It just confirms my general view, people don't read."

"It comes out very plainly that they are a technologically-minded group," Richard Hoggart said. "If that *is* a clear sample of how children are learning these days, it shows we need to concentrate more on the humanities."

For John Rae it was intriguing that so few should recognize the date of so major an historical event as the French Revolution, and that the same number (37) knew about Khrushchev as about Charles I. "Conceivably it means they never studied the Civil War at all . . . yet it is central to any understanding of what we are."

Illtyd Harrington believed it contradicted "the familiar doxology of gloom, and shows English education isn't as dreadful as one would have thought . . . A very leading public administrator said to me: 'Oh, that's interesting. Ask me a question', so I tried her with the one about the Magna Carta. She said: 'I don't know! I don't want to know! No relevance at all', and off she went."

MICHAEL BENNETT

TOMORROW

Classroom conflict: two views from across the great education divide

THE TIMES 100

(1) What do the initials EEC stand for?
(2) What is the name of the school depicted in *Nicholas Nickleby*?
(3) Who was the first man to set foot on the moon?
(4) Which world leader is associated with the policy of *glasnost*?
(5) The two shorter sides of a right-angle triangle are 8 cm and 6 cm respectively. Calculate the length of the remaining side.
(6) To whom was Sir Winston Churchill referring when he said: "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few"?
(7) What colour is the earth wire on a domestic plug?
(8) What are the Malvinas?
(9) Is Northern Ireland part of the United Kingdom?
(10) Name four countries on the eastern side of the Iron Curtain.
(11) Stratford-on-Avon is associated with which English literary figure?
(12) Which planet was discovered in 1930: Pluto, Venus or Mars?
(13) In which country were the Olympic Games first held?
(14) What is the title recently given to Princess Anne?
(15) What is a byte?
(16) In which war did the poet Rupert Brooke die?
(17) Who is the Archbishop of Capetown?
(18) In which country is West Berlin located?
(19) Who defeated the Spanish Armada?
(20) 1989 marks the 200th anniversary of which major European event?
(21) Translate 35 degrees centigrade into Fahrenheit.
(22) In what human organ are the following found: the ossicles, the cochlea, and the oval window?
(23) What have the following American presidents in common: Kennedy, Lincoln and McKinley?
(24) What do the initials IMF stand for?
(25) Express four-fifths as a percentage.
(26) What instrument is used to detect radioactivity?
(27) How many symphonies did Beethoven write?
(28) Which famous 20th-century poet born in England became a US citizen?
(29) What was the Final Solution?
(30) For what achievement did Marie Curie win the Nobel Peace Prize in 1911?
(31) What is the maximum period a UK government may stay in office without calling a general election?
(32) Who composed *The Rite of Spring*?
(33) Where is Harlem?
(34) Which has the longer wavelength — a red light or a blue light?
(35) Who wrote "To err is human, to forgive, divine"?
(36) Between which two countries is the Gulf War being fought?
(37) The chemical symbol Ag stands for which element?
(38) Which of his paintings did Pablo Picasso not allow to be returned to Spain while Franco's government was in power?
(39) What is an ampere a measure of?
(40) Who is the present Poet Laureate?
(41) Who is the present Secretary of State for Education?
(42) What was the former name of Zimbabwe?
(43) How long in minutes and seconds would a person walking at a constant two metres per second take to walk a kilometre?
(44) When was the state of Israel founded?
(45) What is the approximate speed of light in metres per second?
(46) What are the two languages most widely used in the United States of America?
(47) Which was the first republic to be admitted to the British Commonwealth?
(48) Name five of the British Prime Ministers since the war.
(49) What is the last book of the New Testament?
(50) Sodium chloride is more commonly known as what?
(51) Who succeeded in splitting the atom in 1918? a Einstein b Rutherford c Hoyle
(52) Of which European country is the lira the main unit of currency?
(53) What is measured by the formula 2 pi r?
(54) What do the initials AIDS stand for?
(55) What was the name and nationality of the first man to reach the South Pole?
(56) Which legendary twins are said to have founded Rome?
(57) What are the three most practised religions in the world?
(58) Which British prime minister said: "A week in politics is a long time"?
(59) Who is second in line to the throne?
(60) When was the Magna Carta signed?
(61) What is the name of the oxygen-carrying pigment which gives blood its red colour?
(62) Who led the Long March?
(63) What are the missing two numbers in the following sequence?
2,4,6,10, — , 66.
(64) From the title of whose painting, *Impression soleil levant*, did the Impressionist movement take its name?
(65) Which composer's works included *Pictures at an Exhibition* and *War Requiem*?
(66) The words *monotonous, monotonously* and *monochrome* have the same first four letters. What do they mean?
(67) Which famous 20th century poet born in the United States became a naturalized Englishman?
(68) What nationality is the present Pope?
(69) In what countries are the following rivers mainly found? a Seine b Amazon c Ob d Indus e Ganges
(70) What substance is made up of oxygen atoms, each of which has two hydrogen atoms attached?
(71) From the constitution of which nation does this phrase come: "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness"?
(72) Which are the two main killer diseases in Britain today?
(73) Who wrote the *Barchester* series of novels?
(74) Which Asian religious leader and politician was associated with the concept of non-violent resistance?
(75) Which two nations collaborated in the design and manufacture of Concorde?
(76) Name three countries that border Argentina.
(77) For what scientific discovery are Crick, Watson and Wilkins famous?
(78) How many athletic events are there in a pentathlon?
(79) Who wrote *The Lord of the Rings*?
(80) Who composed *The Ring* cycle?
(81) Which living British author frequently uses the theme of Roman Catholicism in his thriller novels?
(82) Is Britain a member of the European Monetary System?
(83) When does Hong Kong cease to be a British Crown colony?
(84) Into the mouth of which English king did Shakespeare put the words: "Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more"?
(85) In what year did the "Big Bang" occur in the City of London?
(86) In what country are the Sandinistas the governing party?
(87) Who was the last British monarch to be beheaded?
(88) Who was the Spanish knight who attacked windmills, thinking them to be giants? a Sancho Panza b Don Quixote c El Cid
(89) Who is the Prime Minister of France?
(90) The Hertz is a measure of what?
(91) Who was leader of the Soviet Union at the time of the Cuban missile crisis?
(92) Which two countries share the longest border in the world?
(93) Over which continent has a hole formed in the ozone layer of the earth's atmosphere?
(94) Which British actor was instrumental in founding the National Theatre?
(95) Of which country is the giant panda a native?
(96) Who wrote *The Odyssey*?
(97) Which came first — the neolithic or paleolithic age?
(98) Which 19th century engineer designed the Great Western Railway, the SS Great Britain and the Clifton Suspension Bridge?
(99) What do Sizewell, Sellafield and Dungeness have in common?
(100) Which is the first Japanese motor manufacturing company to have opened a plant in Britain?

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THE ANSWERS AND HOW THEY GOT ON

Form of the top

Out of the 97 students who answered our "*The Times* 100" questions, the top scorer was Simon Levene, of St Paul's School, who got 80 correct.

"I made some silly mistakes," he said afterwards. "But I like to think I'm fairly balanced in doing both arts and science subjects at A-level — I'm taking maths, further maths, history and chemistry."



Fairly balanced: Simon Levene

Simon, who is still two months short of his 17th birthday, is a day boy at St Paul's and lives in north London, nearly an hour's travelling time from the school in Barnes.

"I had the choice of day school or boarding, and my parents and I thought this was better. I'm quite an independent person, and I like to do things for myself. For others with less self-motivation, a boarding school might be better".

They are not an academic family, Simon insists. They take *The Times*, but their bookshelves are not lined with encyclopaedias. His father, who is "in property", left school at 15. His mother, a fashion manufacturer, studied statistics and chemistry at university. He has two younger sisters.

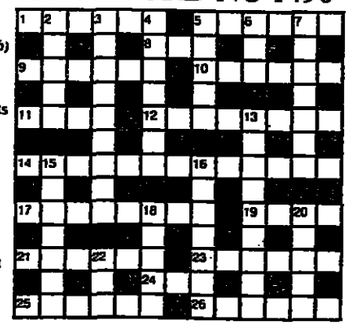
"Music and art isn't really something you'd expect to pick up at school — you pick it up at home. I go to the theatre a lot, but I found some of the questions about books and music very specialized."

Ninety-seven sixth-formers took part in *The Times* 100. Below is the percentage pass rate for each question

	%		%
1	97	51	79
2	4	52	90
3	97	53	71
4	88	54	61
5	96	55	33
6	43	56	60
7	58	57	13
8	55	58	7
9	82	59	56
10	71	60	3
11	96	61	84
12	79	62	16
13	81	63	75
14	76	64	19
15	55	65	16
16	72	66	90
17	89	67	4
18	56	68	88
19	72	69	0
20	24	70	90
21	12	71	72
22	88	72	66
23	94	73	14
24	47	74	77
25	95	75	67
26	88	76	34
27	30	77	40
28	3	78	81
29	12	79	84
30	40	80	23
31	66	81	3
32	5	82	46
33	62	83	20
34	65	84	23
35	1	85	34
36	90	86	36
37	79	87	39
38	6	88	71
39	52	89	51
40	45	90	76
41	63	91	38
42	67	92	23
43	53	93	40
44	5	94	38
45	31	95	96
46	59	96	29
47	9	97	43
48	44	98	46
49	43	99	95
50	92	100	73

(1) European Economic Community
(2) Dotheboys Hall
(3) Neil Armstrong
(4) Mikhail Gorbachov
(5) 10 cm
(6) British fighter pilots in Battle of Britain
(7) Green and yellow
(8) Falkland Islands
(9) Yes
(10) USSR, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Albania, Bulgaria, Romania
(11) Shakespeare
(12) Pluto
(13) Greece
(14) Princess Royal
(15) A unit of computer memory storage
(16) First World War
(17) Desmond Tutu
(18) East Germany
(19) English fleet and Sir Francis Drake
(20) French Revolution
(21) 95
(22) The ear
(23) Assassinated
(24) International Monetary Fund
(25) 80 per cent
(26) Geiger-Mueller tube/ Geiger counter
(27) Nine
(28) W.H. Auden
(29) Nazi policy of extermination of Jews
(30) Discovery of radium
(31) Five years
(32) Igor Stravinsky
(33) New York
(34) Red
(35) Alexander Pope
(36) Iran and Iraq
(37) Silver
(38) Guernica
(39) Electric current
(40) Ted Hughes
(41) Kenneth Baker
(42) Rhodesia
(43) 8 min, 20 sec
(44) 1948
(45) 300 million metres per second
(46) English, Spanish
(47) India
(48) Churchill, Attlee, Eden, Macmillan, Home, Wilson, Heath, Callaghan, Thatcher
(49) Revelation
(50) Salt
(51) Rutherford
(52) Italy
(53) Circumference of a circle
(54) Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
(55) Roald Amundsen — Norwegian
(56) Romulus and Remus
(57) Christianity, Islam, Buddhism
(58) Wilson
(59) Prince William
(60) 1215
(61) Haemoglobin
(62) Mao Tse-Tung
(63) 18, 34
(64) Monet
(65) Benjamin Britten
(66) Single
(67) T.S. Eliot
(68) Polish
(69) a France, b Brazil, c USSR d Pakistan, e India
(70) Water
(71) US
(72) Heart disease and cancer
(73) Anthony Trollope
(74) Gandhi
(75) France, UK
(76) Uruguay, Paraguay, Chile, Bolivia, Brazil
(77) Structure of DNA
(78) Five
(79) Tolkien
(80) Wagner
(81) Graham Greene
(82) No
(83) 1997
(84) Henry V
(85) 1986
(86) Nicaragua
(87) Charles I
(88) Don Quixote
(89) Jacques Chirac
(90) Frequency
(91) Khrushchev
(92) US and Canada
(93) Antarctica
(94) Lord Olivier
(95) China
(96) Homer
(97) Paleolithic
(98) Brunel
(99) Nuclear power stations
(100) Nissan

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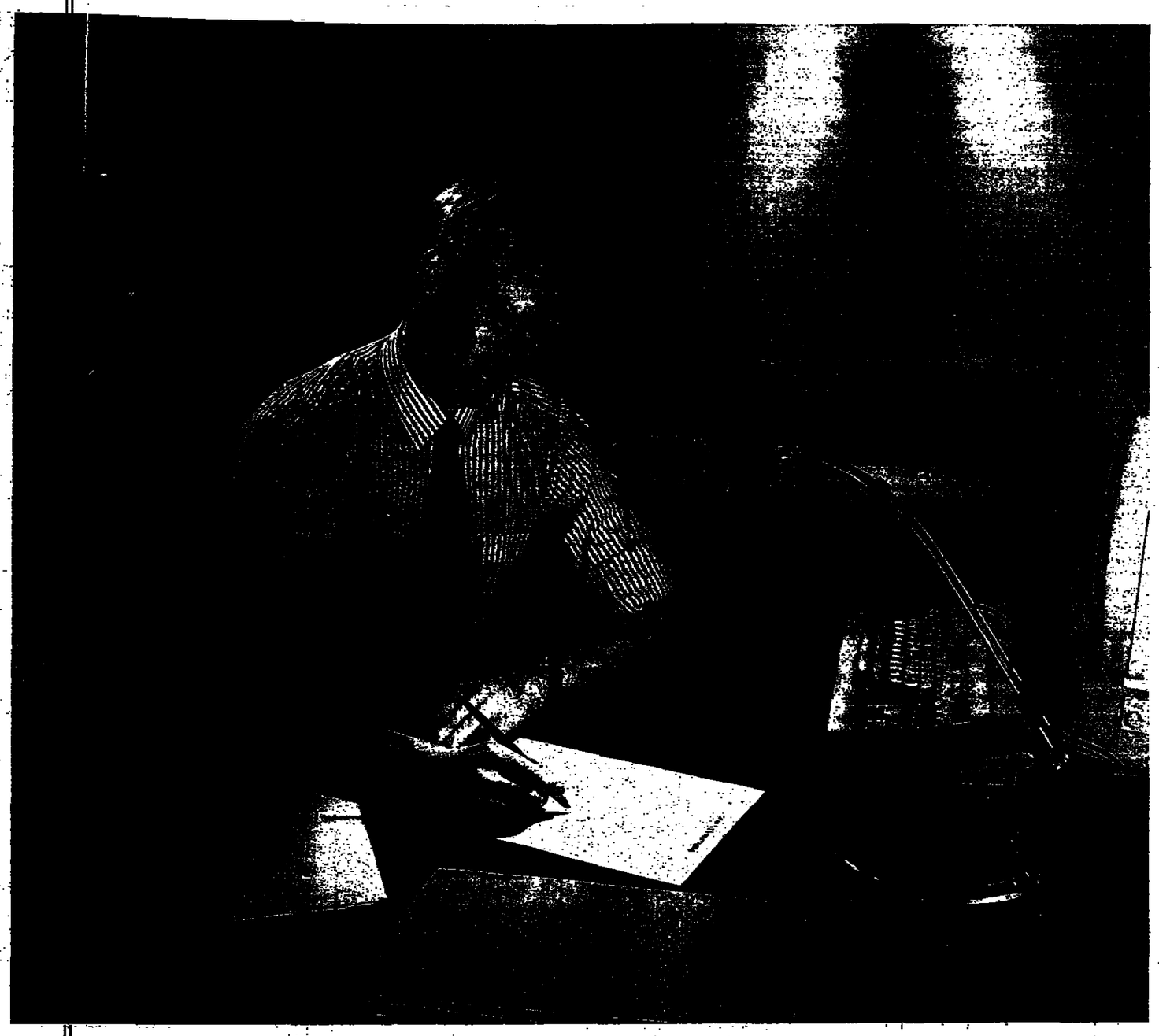
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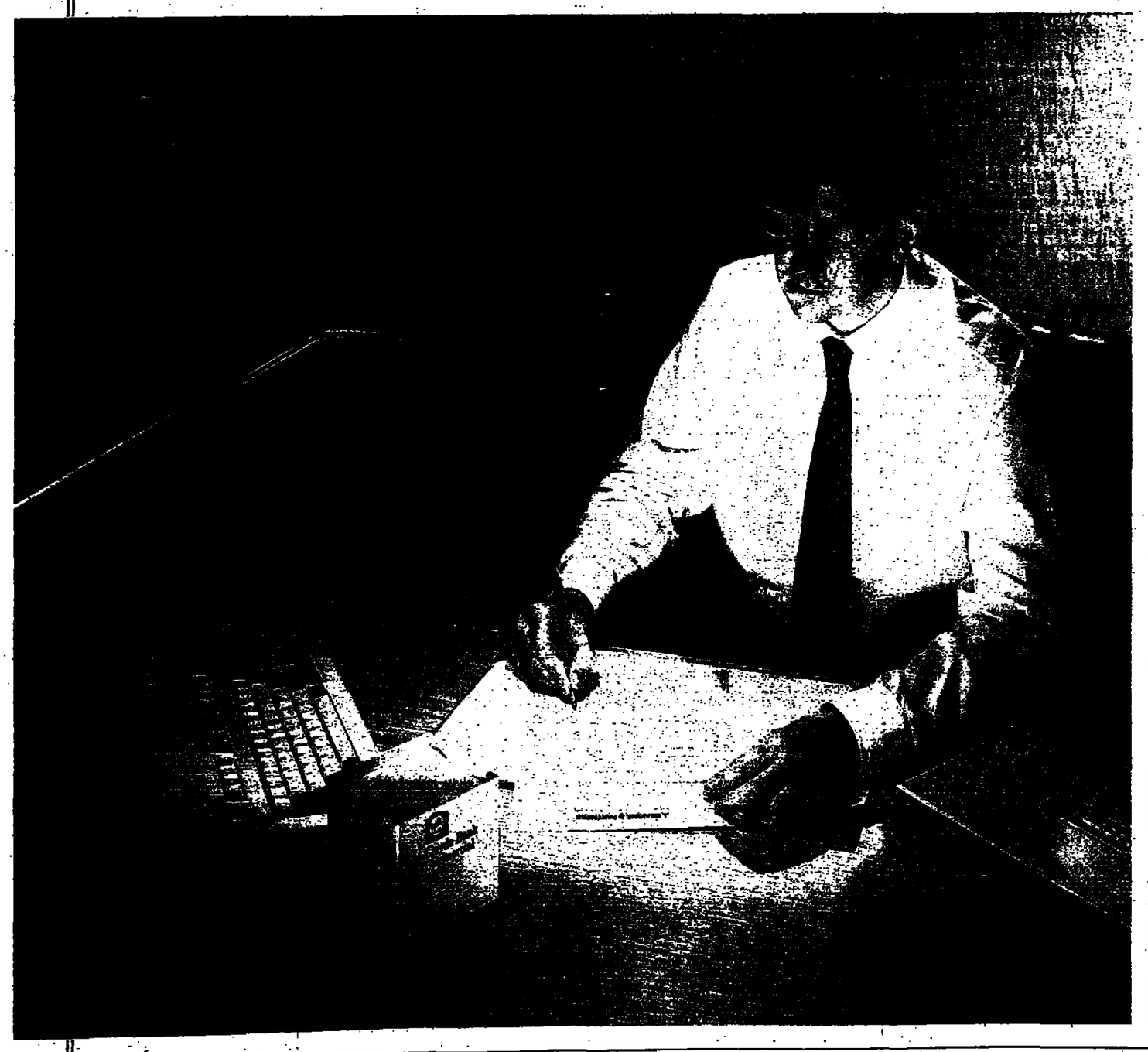
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TIMES DIARY

BARBARA AMIEL

I hold no brief for Kurt Waldheim, who is clearly a liar and, like most of his fellow Austrians, lacked the moral fibre to oppose Hitler from day one. Very few people had the strength of an Adenauer to be in permanent opposition simply because it was right. Even Willy Brandt had the force of his convictions as a confirmed socialist to help him.

But whether or not Waldheim should resign because he pretended not to know something everyone in the armies of the Third Reich must have known seems to me to be a matter for the Austrians to decide. Meanwhile, we have Douglas Hurd's independent inquiry to examine evidence against alleged war criminals living in Britain.

I spoke about this to a Hungarian-Jewish friend who was in Dachau and then, in the early Fifties, in the dreadful Stalinist concentration camp at Recsk. He is now a taxi driver in Toronto, and a few weeks ago he picked up a man and his family at the airport who wanted to be driven into the city. It took him a few minutes of talking to realize that the man was a particularly brutal *kapo* at Recsk who had taken part in the torture of prisoners. When the man responded to his name, my friend stopped the taxi and put him out on the motorway. But he did drive the family to their hotel.

Recently, at a party, I met Zoltan Vás, who was a minister under the vicious Stalinist regime of Mátyás Rákosi in Hungary during the 1950s. Vás now lives in the West as well. Does anyone care about his associations? I wonder if this single-minded concentration of moral fervour against old Nazis whom we defeated more than 40 years ago may not be in part a moral displacement activity.

It's like a dog who is mad at another dog or his master but doesn't dare attack either, and so goes angrily for a shoe. Our ministers investigate 80-year-old Latvians and then go to a cocktail party and shake hands with the representative of Cambodia or the PLO.

Professor Robert A. Gordon, the distinguished criminologist from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, told me that he found his trip to Britain this month rather puzzling. He spoke to criminologists at Cambridge, Edinburgh and Southampton, but a seminar arranged six weeks ago for the Home Office was cancelled two days before it was due to be given and only days after Professor Brown had sent the Home Office a synopsis of his studies on crime statistics dealing with race and IQ.

When I telephoned the Home Office to ask why the seminar had been cancelled, Mrs Mary Tuck said it was because she was in charge of seminars and this had not been cleared with her. "The rules had been entirely broken," she said sternly, adding that the subject material had nothing to do with the cancellation and that she hoped to have Professor Gordon back to speak to them all anyway.

Of course, while any scientist has a right to any avenue of investigation, no government has an obligation to listen to him. But we do have a crime problem and it seems to me that it ill behoves the *a priori* closing of any avenue of investigation only because its consequences might be distorted by malicious or stupid people.

BARRY FANTONI



'Could be that if you solve ten cases you get a free glass'

I tried to get tickets to the formal ennoblement of the Chief Rabbi last week but there wasn't a chance. A friend remarked on the curious fact that Jews now seem to be such defenders of the propertied classes.

I don't think of it that way at all. I think the reason Jews on both sides of the Atlantic have been the intellectual leaders in reinstating some of the ideas of classic liberalism (or what the Americans call neo-conservatism) is that they have always tended to be on the side of liberty. It is not that Jews have some ethical superiority in this regard. It is simply that nothing enhances one's vision of fairness, liberty and justice quite as much as being on the wrong side of it for 5,000 years of history.

These political sympathies are not shared by all Jews, of course, as Rabbi Julia Neuberger's unhappy piece in a recent *Guardian* illustrates. Rabbi Neuberger wrote about her fear that the Chief Rabbi had been elevated because his views are sympathetic to those of Mrs Thatcher. The spectre of racism also haunts her. Why has a peerage not gone to a Sikh, Muslim or Hindu religious leader, she asks?

Rabbi Neuberger should take heart. When honouring a man of intellectual and moral vision it is likely that the vision honoured will be compatible with that of the Prime Minister. She can rest assured that this being Britain, come the next Labour government there will be room for a female rabbi in Their Lordships' House.

Chatting to Brian Masters about his book on multiple murderer Dennis Nilsen, *Killing for Company*, which is now a Coronet paperback in its seventh reprint, I mentioned his curious discovery that Nilsen is a distant cousin of Virginia Woolf through his great grandmother, who was a Stephen. Masters doesn't mention in the book Nilsen's indignant reaction on learning of this bit of intellectual cachet: "Oh, God, I don't like that. She was supposed to be mad."

Ian McColl sees poor management as the major NHS defect

Put the doctors in charge

No one needs to die for lack of an operation in the NHS. Behind the cases which hit the headlines generally lie management faults, inefficient bureaucracy and restrictive practices. These failings, rather than lack of money, are responsible for the low morale throughout the service. Pouring in extra cash, or legislating for yet another reorganization, is not the answer. We need to concentrate on making the present system work.

It is time to make the clinicians themselves manage their own budgets and take responsibility for running the hospitals. They are, after all, the most highly trained and intelligent of hospital personnel. Lay administrators have great difficulties in deciding clinical priorities and find financial control almost impossible. Since they have proved to be poor gamekeepers the solution is to turn the poachers into the gamekeepers.

This was suggested by Sir Roy Griffiths, the Prime Minister's special adviser on the NHS, and has been tried with success at Guy's Hospital since 1985. The hospital is now cleaner, provides a better service for customers and a higher morale for the staff, and has learnt how to stay within budget.

Much NHS demoralization is caused by the absence of detailed accounting, which leads to sudden reduction in hospital services. Too often no one knows until the end of the financial year whether the budget will balance. When the news finally breaks that there is a deficit of, say, £1 million, panic reigns. In the mistaken belief that they can save the necessary funds, the administrators close a large number of beds, and so provoke the doctors into waving shrouds and attacking the Government for alleged underfunding.

Cardiac surgery is particularly vulnerable to these panic cuts because it involves easily identifiable large items of expenditure, and dramatic stories of human suffering for the media. While no emergency operation should be denied any patient, many cardiac cases do not involve clear-cut medical decisions. Some cases which get publicity are not all they seem.

The relatives of one non-urgent cardiac patient, for example, so plagued a surgeon with telephone calls that he was called in for the operation ahead of more urgent cases. At the last minute it had to be cancelled because several emergency cases were admitted. The ensuing rumpus in the press about the inadequacies of the NHS generated public subscriptions for the boy to go privately.

As 70 per cent of the hospital budget goes on salaries it is vital to regulate the number of employees. Restrictive practices often prevent this, so the overmanning which has been a feature of the NHS for many years continues.

At Guy's, for example, the finance department expanded from 30 to 90 employees between 1974-78 at a time when computers were introduced to help reduce the size of the department. When the hospital became part of Lewisham and North Southwark district health authority the district's finance department contained 200 people. Its performance was considerably improved when its numbers were reduced to 105 as a result of a sustained campaign by surgeons.

Restrictive practices are not confined to finance departments. One Friday evening a surgeon telephoned his hospital to request 30 minutes of theatre time to operate on a neighbour, an 86-year-old woman with a life-threatening complication of a groin hernia. He was told that staff were not available, and when he suggested doing the operation without staff this was refused on the grounds that it was illegal and unethical. He brought the patient with her physiotherapist daughter to the hospital, put them into surgeon's clothes and walked into an empty operating theatre. There he carried out the operation under a local anaesthetic without the patient suffering a single twinge of discomfort. She then climbed down from the table and was driven home to an awaiting gin and tonic, delighted to have by-passed four sets of hospital workers. Next day the nurses filed a complaint against the surgeon for behaving inhumanely to the patient.

Services to patients would be greatly improved if they could be rationalized. A district with a population of 300,000 in a small area of 25 square miles does not need nine separate hospitals, especially if many of them are tumbling down. Closures are not only inevitable but desirable in order to provide a modern service. Proper attempts to close these hospitals cause uproar from all quarters — including MPs, who should know better. This demoralizes the doctors and nurses who have spent years working on plans which are often scrapped at the last moment.

The administrators are not the only ones at fault in the hospital service. The clinicians must take their share of the responsibility for the mayhem because almost every hospital department assumes that it should expand irrespective of the changing needs of the community it is used to serve.

This rigid doctrine precludes the proper development of some departments and the reduction of others because the administrators are either browbeaten by those consultants who shout the loudest or are hoodwinked by those who produce the greatest volume of tears.

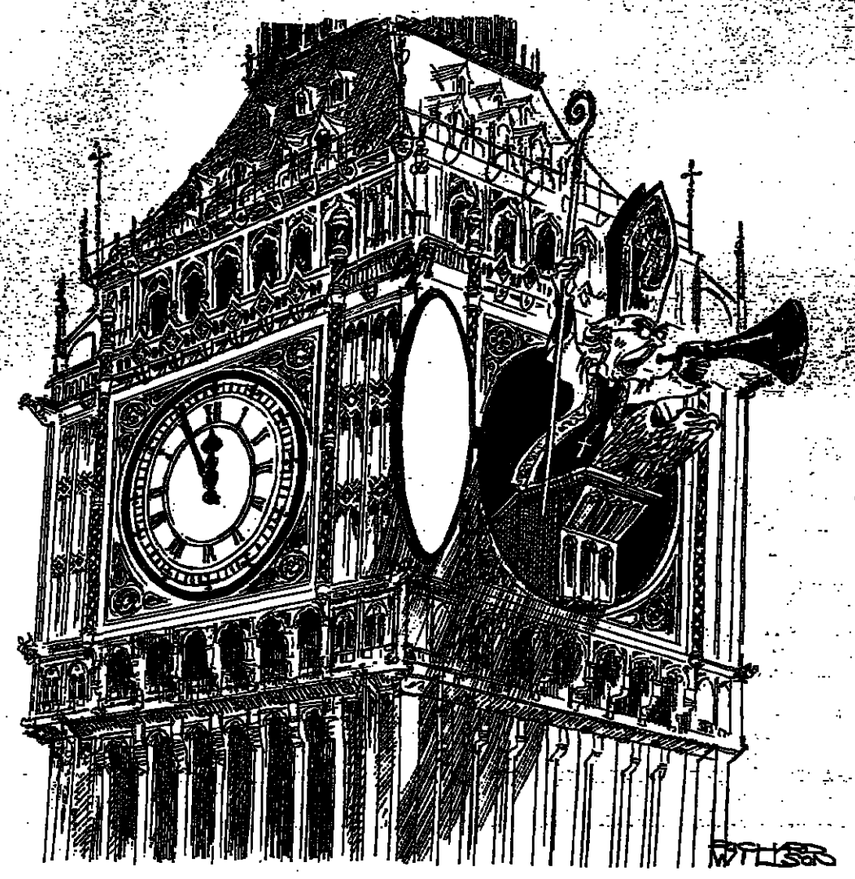
The clinician as manager is better placed to sort out real medical priorities in these cases of competing demands. He is also in a better position to help his less dedicated colleagues to provide a better service. Fortunately, the great majority of clinicians do work extraordinarily hard but the few rogue elephants can give the profession a bad name. Taming these would boost morale all round.

The NHS is suffering from a deficiency disease: what it needs above all is much better management sensitive to the needs and feelings of its customers who indirectly foot the bill.

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Thatcher's new crusade



I am very glad that Mrs Thatcher took the extraordinary decision to summon a number of bishops to Chequers (about the same number, if my failing memory serves me, as are necessary for the exorcism of a ghost) to discuss the nettled question of Church and State. It cannot be said that the encounter has produced instant amity, but it has cleared the air and, in particular, brought out one or two distinctions of crucial importance to the debate.

The first of these is the difference between the proposition that the Church should not meddle in politics and the proposition that the Church should proclaim courageously and without equivocation the Christian message on personal morality.

The first statement, presented starkly and without qualification, is not defensible. In reality, Mrs Thatcher, Mr Gummer and all the more respectable critics of the episcopate have never made it. Mrs Thatcher knows well and has often, at least by implication, asserted that every political judgement has some moral ingredient. The complaint of these sophisticated Tory critics has been that churchmen, instead of isolating this moral ingredient, have allowed themselves to be betrayed into making judgements about political expediency in a manner which suggests that they are moral judgements made with the full authority of the Christian tradition and that their acceptance is incumbent on all faithful people.

Bishops are also citizens (and, indeed, some of them have a secure place in our constitutional arrangements). They are entitled to make observations about politics, but they must not make such observations *ex cathedra*. This calls for a measure of tact, in which some of them seem to be conspicuously deficient.

What is more, even the most sophisticated Tory critics of the Anglican contribution to the current political debate have got visibly tired of the unanimity which now marks episcopal advice on such matters. This is a consequence of synodical government. The Synod makes no claims to infallibility, but when it solemnly resolves, for example, that the poll tax is intrinsically unjust and, therefore, contrary to the will of God, it is not surprising that much of the media should infer that this highly contentious, not to say ridiculous, view has been added to the Thirty-nine Articles.

None of this means that the grand tradition of radical clergy (such as the "Red Dean" of Canterbury) should be ended. In the days when the Prime Minister had a greater degree of influence on top ecclesiastical appointments, the guideline was that some sort of balance should be maintained between the various ecclesiastical parties into which the Church of England, by its nature, is divided. A "High Church" Archbishop of Canterbury could be countered by an evangelical Archbishop of York.

Today these traditional divisions have been largely superseded by the division between exponents of the social gospel, which has now acquired liberal ingredients in both the political and the theological sense, and traditionalists. The complaint is that the traditionalists no longer get a look in.

Should Mrs Thatcher ever recover some of the former powers of her office over church appointments, I suspect she would not abuse those powers to pack the bench of bishops with fully paid-up Tories, but merely to re-establish some equilibrium in the Church's leadership.

The controversy, however, has now moved on to rather new ground. We are no longer debating what bishops should and should not be allowed to say about politics and how and where they should say it; we are discussing what the Church's hierarchy should say about private morals, and the initiative in that discussion is being taken by ...ory politicians. Is this intrinsically unseemly?

I think not. It is true that politicians run a grave risk when they turn themselves into full-time moral leaders; in such circumstances, morality also runs a grave risk. It is also true that the Church of England is not a "state" church but an established church; it is not there simply to do what the State tells it to do. However, the ancient partnership (from which the Church still derives considerable advantages) can hardly survive if the nature of one of the partners changes completely. To reduce the question to the absurd: if the Synod decided to transfer its allegiance from Christ to Mohammed, the Archbishop of Canterbury could hardly expect to continue to preside at the coronation.

Moreover, just as the Church should not be indifferent to politics, neither can the State be indifferent to religion. It must foster certain moral sentiments in its subjects. If church leaders abandon those sentiments, or start preaching them in obscure and equivocal terms (this last is the chief complaint against current practice), politicians have a perfect right to protest.

So far Mrs Thatcher has handled the matter not only with characteristic firmness but also with a commendable delicacy of touch. The position seems to be roughly established that when churchmen enter the political arena blatantly they must expect to be answered back; equally, there is no doubt that when politicians enter the religious arena they will be answered back as well. This, if it continues, will make for mutual candour, which is better than unilateral abuse, but is not a recipe for peace.

In the long run, I believe, government and Parliament must try to recapture some of the ground which they have lost in the management of ecclesiastical affairs. There is no reason why the Callaghan convention on the appointment of bishops should be sacrosanct forever and no reason why the power of the Synod should remain as great as it is. I am, I agree, inviting the Prime Minister to tread a minefield, but that is a task at which she is adept. What is more, in treading it, she could, I think, count on a large measure of support from the lower clergy, the laity and the general public.

I have another doubt: it is all very well for Mr Hurd to say that there is a limit to what the Government can do, without the aid of the Church, parents, and teachers, to restore good order in this country. That is so, but it is also true that the Government can do *something*, and even more strikingly true that the State has done much to destroy good order in the last few decades. Permissive legislation about divorce encourages divorce, ill-thought out legislation about homosexuality encourages the public advocacy of that aberration. If there are some vestiges of a traditional moral consensus in this country they must be discreetly encouraged by legislation.

All I am arguing is that Mrs Thatcher's healthy and apparently civil confrontation with the bishops must not be allowed to be a "one-off" affair. She must give to this aspect of her programme the same vigilant and continuous attention that she has successfully given to other aspects. Above all, she must not be frightened off by clichés like the "moral majority". This does indeed signify something very horrible, in its American context, but it does not signify anything which she is likely to be tempted to embrace.

Commentary • TONY BLAIR

Sid betrayed

The Stock Exchange's analysis of the October crash, published last week, is not only complacent but verges on the irresponsible. "We survived, so why worry?" it seems to say. To a public that has much of its savings indirectly tied up in shares and has been persuaded into the stock market through a highly publicized privatization programme, this is simply not good enough.

It is time the SE realizes it cannot simultaneously boast of its own importance and remain insulated from critical inquiry.

At government level also, the contrast between the attitude of the US administration and that of our own could hardly be more stark. There, a determination to learn from the lessons of the crash. Here, total quiescence without even a glance at possible changes to market regulations.

The response to the crash of the City establishment and its friends in government is in part to insist that it was merely a "technical correction" of a market that had become badly overvalued in the previous nine months, and in part to blame problems in the world economy for a sudden lack of confidence. Both these things are true, as far as they go. But that isn't far.

For two weeks, the financial world teetered on the brink of terminal collapse. It is ludicrous to describe the panic-stricken chaos as just a "reaction" to world or market events. The manner and scale of the crash make a rigorous examination of the market imperative.

Two things in particular stand out, quite apart from the more detailed matters such as capital adequacy of market makers, the SE account system and so on. First, the global nature of financial markets means that there is instantaneous communication of market sentiment which adds to the pace and degree of volatility. An international market must lead to much greater attempts at international uniformity of trading rules and standards and closer co-operation by exchanges, perhaps even through a new international institution.

But secondly, and probably more practically, we are now witnessing the direct consequences of the last few years of financial deregulation. Up to the crash we saw mainly the benefits in the form of greater liquidity through development of new derivative instruments such as futures and options. Though still small in the UK, these markets are growing. Ironically, they began as a means of spreading risk, insuring against market falls, or rises. But they have now taken on a life of their own, encouraging massive speculation and, in the US, have ended up virtually determining the underlying share price from which they are supposed to be derived.

It is the conjunction of these dramatic changes in a financial world in which the public is so heavily involved through pension funds, unit trusts and other institutional investors that should be the cause of concern on the part of the Government. Instead, it exhibits indifference.

Nowhere is this more apparent, or more cynical, than in the treatment of the "small investors". Feted in the run-up to the last election, the recipients of individual letters from Mr Tebbit, they are now left to the mercy of the market. More than £100 million of taxpayers' money was spent advertising the privatization share issues. Naturally, most attention has been focused on the political advantages to the Tories of "wider share ownership". But it should not be forgotten that the small investors serve another, more pragmatic purpose.

The Government and the SE owe them, therefore, at least some minimal obligation. Those that got in and out of the privatization bonanza, taking a quick profit, have received their own reward. But those who have stayed in the market or, as with many, have tried to broaden their portfolios, are now trapped in a system that is not designed for them.

Since Big Bang, and even more so since the crash, commission charges for small investors have rocketed while those for large investors have fallen. Lower volumes of trading and the complexities of settling accounts have meant that most firms just don't want their business.

None of this appears to disturb the mind of the SE or find any echo in last week's report. When the Labour Party surveyed the 151 firms listed by the SE in a glossy brochure as "specializing in small investors" and found that, in fact, two thirds refused to deal with them or dealt only at deliberately deterrent rates of commission, Sir Nicholas Goodison, the SE chairman, replied brazenly that he was "quite encouraged" that in any event 36 of the firms listed would deal at decent rates of commission.

The word for this type of conduct doesn't alter merely because it is the SE that is responsible for it.

A government that was less the property of vested interest would stop indulging the SE and get tough with it. But, in truth, this is a government that is "radical" only with its enemies.

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SCIENCE REPORT

Leeches unstuck

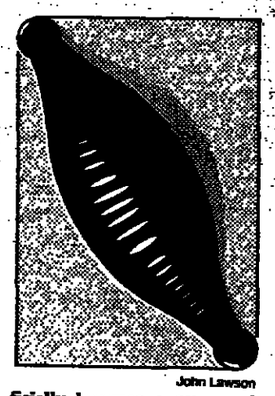
Medicinal leeches, still used in hospitals to assist the flow of blood through the body and enjoying something of a resurgence in recent years, may now be returned to obscurity by a piece of genetic engineering. A team of French biotechnologists has succeeded in producing the anticoagulant hirudin, naturally secreted by leeches, in genetically engineered yeast.

This development is reported by a group of scientists at the biotechnology company Transgene SA of Strasbourg in the January issue of the journal *Bio/Technology*. The group has isolated the leech gene coding for hirudin, a protein that prevents the clotting of blood.

The development is the latest in the 2,000-year history of leeches used for blood letting. Leeches continue to be a doctor's best friend, as attested by a spate of recent letters to *The Times*. The old English word for a doctor — and leech — is laece, which shows the long-standing connection between the two.

Leeches find a place in plastic surgery where their anticoagulant saliva and blood-sucking habits are exploited to drain excess blood from post-operative occlusions, thus promoting successful tissue transplants and re-attachment of severed limbs.

The Transgene group, having identified the gene that guides the normal production of hirudin in the leech, has incorporated an engineered representation of the gene among the genes of yeast cells so that yeast growing artificially becomes a source of hirudin. Commercial quantities of the protein are likely to be produced by Transgene in the near future.



John Lawson

Hirudin is the most powerful natural anticoagulant known, but is just one of an armoury of enzymes and biochemicals in leech saliva now beginning to find uses in medicine. Apart from hirudin, used for disrupting blood clots beyond the reach of surgery, other chemicals are used to relieve symptoms of atherosclerosis and there are reports that others will inhibit the growth and spread of tumours.

Transgene's success turns on its ingenious exploitation of a property of the proteins that serve as sex hormones for yeast cells and which attract yeast cells to each other. These hormones are among the proteins of yeast that are secreted through the membrane of the cell into the medium outside.

Research shows that this facility of the sex hormone proteins arises from the presence of a special "leader sequence" at one end of the molecule. What the scientists at Transgene have done is to engineer the yeast genes so that the laboratory version of the hirudin gene lies alongside the piece of genetic material (DNA) controlling the leader sequence of the yeast sex hormones.

Instead of inserting a "raw" leech gene directly into yeast, the biotechnologists used a specially processed version of the original leech DNA which can be cloned, studied and if necessary altered in cultures of bacteria before the final version is incorporated into the yeast's own genetic material.

The work at Strasbourg has shown that yeast cells changed in this way successfully secrete active hirudin through the cell membranes, and that the anticoagulant can be collected from the surroundings without killing the yeast cells producing it.

This opens the way for a technique in which the genetically engineered yeast cells can be used in the continuous production of hirudin.

While some of the medicinal uses of leeches in the past few years have depended on the presence of hirudin in their saliva, it seems that the chief function of this material is to allow leeches to gorge themselves on blood, often up to 10 times their own weight, and then to live off such a meal for months on end.

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LISTEN, LOOK, STOP

Mr Kinnock has struck a listening posture for the Labour Party and it appears to be quite a rewarding one. The Government is becoming seen as reluctant to listen to the public on a range of sensitive issues from the National Health Service to the poll tax. For Labour to be asking what the public thinks and wants, with the implication that Mr Kinnock will deliver the same, is a clever tactic. It is an improvement over the previous posture of asking the public to vote for socialism it does not want.

A recent Labour Party political broadcast which consisted of a succession of "ordinary" people voicing their puzzled dismay on particular topics of public concern, from health and education to *Spycatcher*, appears to have been particularly successful. Though it had nothing to say about Labour's own proposals and concentrated on what worries people about the Government's, "listening" at this stage of the political game is a sensible manoeuvre. The public response to this broadcast is said to have been a party record.

Labour has also risen steadily in the opinion polls since the election, chiefly at the expense of the Liberals and Social Democrats. Although in the polls overall the Government still has a decisive lead, the move of disillusioned Alliance voters to Labour is just what Mr Kinnock now needs.

For Labour to take off again it needs to stay at or around 40 per cent in the opinion polls by establishing that Labour is a moderate social democratic party which accepts many of the post-Thatcher terms of political reference. Mr Kinnock's difficulty is the eternal one that the policies Labour needs to win back public opinion are precisely those a significant element of the party's activists resists.

He not only has to listen to the public. He has to look constantly over his shoulder. He has to stop those who accuse him of sacrificing basic Labour values by scrambling for votes. Tony Benn speaks for more party members than can be stigmatized as Militants.

There is also criticism of Mr Kinnock from the unions, openly voiced recently by Mr David Warburton of the General, Municipal and Boilermakers' Union. The unions fear that the party's links with them will weaken as it responds more to the increasing number of non-unionized workers, leaving the unions simply to finance a party over whose policies they have a declining influence.

Labour's internal tensions can be summed up by reference to the section in the leadership's recent *Statement of Democratic Socialist Aims and Values* which declared that except for health, social security and education, "in the case of most other goods and services the operation of demand and supply and the price mechanism is a generally satisfactory means of determining provision and consumption." For those to whom the ark of Labour's covenant remains sacred, that is a deeply disturbing statement.

To build a party that can challenge the Tories effectively, Mr Kinnock needs it to be somewhat in an Owenite social democratic image. But the more he appears to move in that direction, the more rage he will stir in the party, and the greater the rage, the more the moderate voters will again take flight.

Mr Kinnock's chances of doing what Harold Wilson did in 1964 are much harder because Labour's pivot has shifted so much further to the left. Labour's new skill in capitalizing on the Government's problems is not matched by any sign that its policy review groups are finding policies that will appeal to both voters and activists. When asked what was happening in them a Shadow Cabinet member answered, according to the Labour newspaper *Tribune*, "If you find out, will you let me know?"

Mr Kinnock is trying to bury a powder keg and there are many who wish to stop him even at risk of its being blown up. He hopes to avoid any direct confrontation with his party save for the convenient scapegoat of the Militants. Emollience, however, does not invariably work in politics. Mr Kinnock might be best advised to accept his showdown with the left through a personal contest with Mr Benn or some other of its representatives which would give him a chance to defeat them resoundingly.

In the end, he will have to confront the problem in his own party instead of concentrating on the easy target of discontent with the Tories. He might recall that it was by confronting an internal Tory problem — not by evading it — that Mrs Thatcher got where she is today.

FRESH WINDS OVER CYPRUS

The people of Cyprus have voted for change. What kind of change is unclear. But the prospect of some movement in their political impasse must be welcome.

The uncertainty arises because their presidential election is far from over. While Mr Spyros Kyprianou has been swept from power after 11 years, the question of who will succeed him remains open.

Next Sunday's second round in the election will be between the right-wing, pro-Western veteran Mr Glafkos Clerides, and the Communist-backed independent millionaire, Mr George Vasiliou, who has never stood for the presidency before. On the face of it, that sounds like a well-defined choice.

The man who lost, however, Mr Kyprianou, still holds an important key to electing his successor. Will he advise his disappointed centre-right supporters to vote this time for his old political enemy, Mr Clerides — or for the political novice, Mr Vasiliou?

According to conventional wisdom, Mr Kyprianou's supporters should vote for Mr Clerides — especially as he has promised to form a government of national unity, and may even invite Mr Kyprianou to take part in it. From a Western point of view the election of the pipe-smoking lawyer who was educated in Britain, flew with the RAF in the war, and has set himself firmly in the Western camp, would be the preferred option.

But many Greek Cypriots have a long-standing mistrust of Mr Clerides, especially over the support he has received from some members of the Eoka-B movement. His percentage of the poll in the first round was slightly below expectations — while Mr Vasiliou can now count almost certainly on the support of the Socialists, whose own candidate has also been knocked out. A victory for Mr Clerides next Sunday, though the more likely, is a far from foregone conclusion.

What the result so far shows about Cypriots' views on the main policy issues facing the country is a matter for speculation. Mr Vasiliou is to a great extent an unknown quantity and the extent of his indebtedness to the Communists is problematical. His avowed independence and his unusual capitalist background make it hard to judge his influence on most domestic and foreign policies in Cyprus.

The one thing he has in common with Mr Clerides, however, is his anxiety for progress on the most important issue of all for Cypriots — the North-South division between Turkish and Greek communities that has disfigured the island since 1974. After several years of talks and disappointments under the auspices of the United Nations, most Cyriots seem to want a more flexible man to guide them than Mr Kyprianou, whose dour intransigence has exasperated his critics inside and outside the island.

Few of these would disagree with his basic aims — to ensure that no political settlement is enacted before Turkish troops and settlers are withdrawn and the freedom to live in and move around the whole island have been agreed. It is the approach to this end which is contested. The need for more negotiating skills at the top may have motivated many Cypriots as they went to the polls on Sunday.

The political climate in the region has improved in recent weeks following the apparent Greek-Turkish *rapprochement* — although the Cyprus issue was carefully left out of those discussions. Now there is talk of withdrawing up to 6,000 of the Turkish troops stationed in Cyprus — a move which, if carried out, would be an important gesture of good will. After so many years of stagnation, a fresh wind is suddenly lifting the sails in the Eastern Mediterranean.

INDIAN CARD TRICKS

Politics in India is driven not so much by the government's policies as by public image and personality. The force of Jawaharlal Nehru's character kept the Congress Party in power after independence. Indira Gandhi's personality coloured the politics of the 1970s. In 1984 her son, Rajiv Gandhi, with his instant reputation as India's Mr Clean, gave the Congress Party a massive election victory.

But images can change. During the course of last year Rajiv Gandhi's personal image — and consequently that of his government — has progressively collapsed. The Prime Minister appears destined to spend most of this year repairing the damage so that he can face the electorate in 1989, apparently rejuvenated and restored.

Sunday's cabinet changes were the first part of Mr Gandhi's attempted recovery; 13 cabinet ministers were reshuffled, a host of lesser luminaries moved between portfolios and, even in the country's provinces, governors and chief ministers were made and unmade. The aim of the changes has been to portray a revitalized political front.

Mr Gandhi's administration certainly needs to regain lost credibility. Having come to power on a surge of sentiment in favour of reform, its performance, after an initial year of hope, has not matched its promise. The economy continues to be stifled by corruption and controls. The Punjab still festers, with an ever-increasing death toll at the hands of terrorists, while the claim to clean and efficient government (once Mr Gandhi's strongest selling point) has faded with the political scandals.

Changing the cabinet will not help. This is the 13th reshuffle in just over three years. It has significance only as a newspaper headline, not as a political event. The changes do not reflect any underlying shift in policy or political determination. The new ministers are not dissimilar to those they replace. They will make the cabinet neither more reformist nor more conservative. They are not men of particular individual distinction.

If his intention is to brush up his government's image, Mr Gandhi should start with himself. After a succession of stories about exotic holidays and expensive tastes, his personal standing with the middle classes has slipped badly. He has allowed himself to appear insensitive, arrogant, even immature. The issue for his supporters is not his right to live as he chooses, but his judgement. Indians expect their prime ministers to set an example (as Nehru and Indira Gandhi realized).

Rajiv Gandhi's private lifestyle would be overlooked, or, at least, be seen as of no great significance, if his government was still in tune with the electorate. It is not. It was to change India that Mr Gandhi was elected. But an inability to foresee or face up to the inevitable opposition has led to the shedding of all reformist zeal. In so doing, he has discarded his government's central mandate. If he cannot now carry out his reformist policies or, worse, has given up trying to, he risks losing his political *raison d'être*. Reform is the real task. Reshuffling the cabinet pack will deceive no one for long.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Control of cash for universities

From the Principal of the University of London

Sir, Robert Jackson (February 10) helpfully clarifies the Government's rationale for the new powers of direction which would be given to the Secretary of State for Education and Science by section 94 of the Education Reform Bill.

There can of course, be little objection to the "more formal delineation of responsibilities" recommended by the Croham committee for the Universities Funding Council; the Bill goes some way towards achieving this, though it omits a key responsibility, namely that of the council to advise the secretary of state on the needs of and for university education in the UK.

I would, however, take issue with Mr Jackson over the dual sense of accountability implicit in his quotations from the Croham report, and the use of one form of accountability to attempt to justify another.

It is one thing for the secretary of state to be answerable to Parliament for the administration of £1.4 billion of public funds, and of course he and our auditors must be able to satisfy themselves that such funds have been properly accounted for. It is another thing entirely when, using this argument, justification is claimed for powers which would allow the secretary of state to direct how the funds should be spent.

Even if rarely used, the new powers would go beyond those necessary to satisfy the first type of financial accountability and give rise to concern that when accountability is applied to fundamental decisions about academic priorities, the integrity and autonomy of universities could be endangered.

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Living together

From Mrs I. M. J. Kemp

Sir, Your series, "The making of marriage" (February 1, 2, 3), has sadly proved that for financial reasons there are going to be even fewer couples accepting the idea of wedlock. We urgently need a name for the partners who set up home together without benefit of clergy or registrar.

In my travels around the country I have come across none better than that used in NE Scotland — "bidie-in". It may apply to either sex and has a ring of permanence to it. Might not the rest of the country care to adopt it?

Yours faithfully,
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Licence to cheat?

From Mr Patrick Ryecart

Sir, I recently received my new driving licence. I notice that were I in charge of a vehicle while my alcohol level was above the legal limit for such occupation I could face disqualification from driving or have 10 penalty points on my record.

If, however, I was driving with "uncorrected defective eyesight", or refused to submit to an eye test, I could face no disqualification and a maximum of two penalty points against me — a clear case of being better off blind than drunk and one which might bring the retort, "No, officer, I haven't been drinking. I happened to be searching for my A-Z".

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK RYECART,
Garrick Club,
Garrick Street, WC2.

Slip of the mask

From Mr Neil Cooper

Sir, "Post a little happiness" is the inscription placed on a parcel by one of the best-known booksellers in the world.

My parcel contained four books, each containing three (admittedly excellent) Greek tragedies.

Yours faithfully,
NEIL COOPER,
Flettons,
Bovingdon Green,
Marlow, Buckinghamshire.
January 30.

Felling in Sarawak

From Vice-Admiral Sir Roderick Macdonald

Sir, Lord Shackleton's letter (January 5) and the High Commissioner for Malaysia's (January 19) reminded me that the late Tom Harrisson, when I was serving in Borneo as the Naval Force Commander, 1965-66, told me more about the Penans (or Punans) than I could possibly have learned from any other source. I have assumed that forest habits have not changed significantly since then.

The Malaysian Government, with the best will in the world, face an enormous task. This they inherited from our own Government, of which Lord Shackleton was a member, when Britain withdrew from Sarawak. The Penans, a pale-skinned nomadic people living in both Malaysian Borneo and Indonesian Kalamantan, are conditioned to the permanent shade of primary jungle.

They are terrified and disorientated if forced into full sunlight. Their diet consists of wild sago, plus small items of meat from hunting. Religious beliefs do not allow the felling of big trees. This means that there are no large posts for houses and only small temporary clearings in secondary jungle, which reproduces itself rapidly.

Apart from language difficulties, the concepts of nationality and political boundaries will be foreign to a Penan. Give him a passport he would not only not understand it, he would have nowhere to put it. He is also liable to break laws of which he is not aware and which would in any case exasperate him, being based on an ethos beyond his understanding and experience.

The dilemma posed by large-scale logging versus conservation demands gifted imagination and flexibility above and beyond the call of duty from any administrator, whether based on Whitehall, as in the past, or as now in Kuala Lumpur and Kuching. Otherwise an ethnically different and attractive people, to whom urban man's mod-con are anathema, will become casualties in a world already much troubled by famine and disease.

Yours faithfully,
RODERICK MACDONALD,
Ollach,
Braes,
Portree, Isle of Skye.
February 4.

Talking about future of NHS

From Mr Frank Field, MP for Birkenhead (Labour)

Sir, There is considerable cross-party support for the view, which I also hold (report, February 12), that the current NHS budget is underfunded, that this shortfall needs to be made good by the Treasury, and that any pay settlement agreed by the Government should be fully underwritten.

It is crucial that the debate about the future of the NHS is public and as broadly based as possible. Moving from the present system of funding by taxation, which is rigidly controlled by the Treasury, to a system of national health insurance has a number of advantages.

The first is that as earnings rise faster than prices, the NHS budget would be a buoyant one. A health tax should cover both earned and unearned incomes and could be deducted at source from occupational pensions, dividends and interest payments.

This system of health insurance should be part of the national insurance system. All of us, except for those groups like the unemployed who would gain credits, should pay contributions, which would increase progressively with income. The scheme should not allow contracting out, as evidence from abroad shows that when private medical insurance runs out, the patients then have to seek treatment from the equivalent of the NHS.

In a free society, people should be allowed to buy private health insurance. However, private insurance premiums should be paid from post-tax income, and not subsidised by way of tax allowances. Moreover, private health insurance should be to provide "extras", rather than to guarantee the best possible standards of health care, which should be available to all through the NHS, irrespective of income.

Once the NHS is taken away from the Treasury's cash-limited approach, other sources of funding also become possible. There may well be a case for a national lottery. Under a health-insurance system additional revenues, such as from a lottery, would amount to *extra* funding, as the Treasury would no longer have the power to deduct these revenues from existing budgets.

We also need to consider ways of promoting good health. Tobacco and alcohol abuse, together with the use made of health services following motor accidents, now exceeds £600 million. Motor insurance should cover part of the bill, and additional taxation on tobacco and alcohol should be earmarked for the NHS.

These, I emphasise, are personal views.

Yours sincerely,
FRANK FIELD,
House of Commons.
February 12.

From the Vicar of St Pancras

Sir, For the past 17 years I have been a part-time Church of England chaplain to the National Temperance Hospital and the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital. I used to receive four cheques a year as a salary for my duties at these two hospitals.

When the NHS embarked on its reorganisation I received 24 cheques a year for each individual hospital and I had to send back documents saying that I had visited the hospitals during the previous month.

Instead of four addressed envelopes a year, after the new arrangements 48 letters passed between us in connection with my salary. The situation was changed a year or so ago and I now receive 12 payments direct to my account.

I point out that I am only a part-time chaplain at two small hospitals. No wonder money is soaked up at the administrative level.

Yours sincerely,
DOUGLAS BEAN,
12 Fitzroy Square, W1.

Plans for hospital

From the General Manager of Westminster/St Stephen's Hospitals

Sir, In all the coverage of the industrial action in the health service it is important that both your readers and our own staff should know what this action is *not* about.

It is certainly not about St Stephen's Hospital "facing demolition", and whoever is claiming through your paper ("'Militant' pressure on nurses to strike growing, says RCN", February 1) that this is the case must know the details of Riverside Health Authority's proposals.

They are to build a brand new teaching hospital on the site of St Stephen's Hospital at a cost of more than £80 million and centralise there many of the services which are now provided from five hospitals in the district. Four hospital sites would close when the new hospital opens.

We believe that if approval is given to the proposals, the Westminster and Chelsea Hospital will be London's best hospital. It will certainly be the capital's most exciting project for at least 20 years and will significantly improve care facilities for the elderly, the mentally ill and other priority care groups.

Yours faithfully,
T. P. V. BATTLE,
General Manager,
Westminster/St Stephens Hospitals,
Fulham Road, Chelsea, SW10.
February 3.

Uneasy on the ear

From the Reverend J. R. Cardwell

Sir, *Re* your series of letters (January 22, 25, 27, 29, February 1, 3, 5, 9, 12) the most infuriating sound I ever heard was that of the invigilators' tea being poured during my final examinations at university.

There was something in the contrast between my inner mental anguish and the comfortable domestic sound of a teapot pouring tea which was quite unbearable.

Fortunately, I do not expect to hear that sound in those circumstances again.

Yours faithfully,
J. R. CARDWELL,
The Vicarage,
King's Somborne,
Stockbridge,
Hampshire.

From Mr Bill Anderson

Sir, Simon Inglis (January 22) may be irritated by gratuitous urban sounds, but these are music to the ears of people with tinnitus. Seventeen per cent, or around nine million of the population, young and old, seek such relief from this.

Your readers must include people who can suggest sounds that can be life-saving.

Yours,
BILL ANDERSON,
2 Fitzroy Drive,
Leeds,
West Yorkshire.

Young musicians

From Mr Antony Hopkins

Sir, May I add my voice to that of Meredith Davies (February 5) in support of his concern for the future of young musicians at school. Having been involved in all the schools' proms (which your paper supports so admirably) and having worked with a number of youth orchestras in the last 15 years, I can say with some authority that the advance in the standard of young people's music-making has been one of the most remarkable phenomena in education this century.

Certainly ILEA has played a notable part, but so have many other local authorities. If it is going to become policy to regard music as an "extra" that must be paid for, the work of years will quickly be undone.

Music is much more than the acquisition of an instrumental skill; to play in an orchestra is the finest form of self-discipline, demanding the right note at the right time, the right volume and the right speed. It is an intellectual team activity that is surely unique, requiring the suppression of the ego to the greater good of the corporate body.

It has a true social value that was never more needed than today. Furthermore, it is a wonderful showcase for a school, enabling many children who are not sporting heroes to make a valuable contribution.

I only hope that the authorities at the highest level realise that music is not an inessential luxury. On the contrary; if every child was taught to play an instrument and to experience communal music-making during adolescence many of the problems of anti-social behaviour would disappear.

Yours faithfully,
ANTONY HOPKINS,
Woodyard Cottage, Ashridge,
Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

No hiding place

From Mr Geoffrey B. R. Harrison

Sir, I have just returned from a favourite restaurant where an expensive luncheon has been ruined yet again by the constant ringing of a portable telephone brought in by the occupants of the adjacent table.

Are restaurateurs not aware that the vast majority of their clients are mainly present in order to escape from the manic atmosphere of their offices? It should be made clear that portable telephones are no more welcome in restaurants than are transistor radios and similar peace-breaching devices.

Yours faithfully,
G. B. R. HARRISON,
15 Lots Road, SW10.
February 2.

Place in schools for religion

From the Bishop of London

Sir, Those who continue to call, in the press and elsewhere, for the Church to keep out of politics and to concentrate on its task of giving the nation "a firm moral lead" either do not understand the meaning of the words they are using or else have no sense of logical consistency.

It was good, therefore, to hear Mr Hurd say to members of General Synod last week (report, February 11) that he accepted that it was quite proper for the Church to become engaged in the social and political problems facing our society as well as give a lead in personal morals.

It is, therefore, vitally important that the Government is seen to take seriously the place of religious and moral education by giving it a defined status within its proposed curricular reforms.

It is perhaps because they take seriously Mr Hurd's point last Wednesday evening that the members of Synod voted so overwhelmingly on the Thursday morning to keep pressing Mr Baker to incorporate religious and moral education more clearly within his new national curriculum.

Yours faithfully,
†GRAHAM LONDIN:
(Chairman, Board of Education),
The General Synod of the Church of England,
Church House,
Great Smith Street, SW1.
February 15.

ON THIS DAY

FEBRUARY 16 1923

Although the revival of the Order of Deaconesses was approved by the Convocation of Canterbury in 1923, at the session reported below, it did not receive formal recognition by the Convocation of York until two years later. The archbishops were Randall Davidson and Cosmo Lang respectively

DEACONESSES IN THE CHURCH.

CELIBACY QUESTION.

The new Convocation of the Province of Canterbury assembled yesterday at the Church House, Westminster, the session being preceded by the customary celebration of Holy Communion in Henry the Seventh's Chapel, Westminster Abbey. . . .

It was agreed that the Order of Deaconesses is an Apostolic Order of Ministry in the Church of God, that women admitted thereto are episcopally ordained, and that it is for women the one and only Order of the Ministry which has the stamp of apostolic approval, and for women the only Order of the Ministry which the Church of England as a branch of the Catholic Church can recognize and use.

The second regulation contained a provision that a deaconess who desires to do so may legitimately pledge herself, either as a member of a community or as an individual, to a celibate life.

The BISHOP of EXETER objected to this. These words, he said, referred to women who might be only twenty-five years old. That provision, without any dispensing power, would very likely cause extreme hardship in certain cases. A woman of twenty-five might in the excitement of the moment deem it her duty to become a celibate. Later on the circumstances of her life might change, and it might be desirable that she should marry and have children. Under the clause as it stood this would not be possible, as there was no dispensing power vested in the Bishop. He moved the omission of the clause.

After further discussion the whole regulation was finally passed in this form:—

That a deaconess in her ordination is dedicated to a life-long service, though the extent and manner of its exercise by her may vary at different times of her life in accordance with her circumstances; that no vow or promise of celibacy is required of her, nor is it implied in her ordination: that nevertheless a deaconess who desires to do so may legitimately pledge herself, either as a member of a community or as an individual, to a celibate life, provided that due provision be made under proper safeguards for episcopal dispensation from such pledge.

The regulation concerning the functions which may be entrusted to a deaconess was carried in the following amended form:—

With the approval of the Bishop and of the incumbent and under such conditions as shall from time to time be laid down by the Bishop, to speak and pray in consecrated buildings on occasions other than the regular and appointed services of the church, and normally for congregations of women and children.

The other regulations agreed to provide that a deaconess may not be ordained before the age of 25, and that the normal age shall be 30; that an advisory council shall be set up in each diocese, and institutions for training deaconesses. The Bishop, before ordination of a deaconess, must satisfy himself as to her character, training, and general fitness.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 15: The Queen was represented by Captain John Milne Home (Vice Lord-Lieutenant for Dumfries) at the Funeral of Lieutenant-Colonel Arthur Jardine Paterson (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Dumfries) which was held in St John's Church, Dumfries, this morning.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 14: The Duke and Duchess of York visited Northern Ireland today.

Their Royal Highnesses travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight and were received at Royal Air Force Aldergrove by the Right Hon Tom King, MP (Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and the Station Commander (Group Captain T Stables).

The Duke and Duchess of York subsequently visited Rockport School and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for County Down (Colonel William Brann).

Their Royal Highnesses afterwards visited Killyleagh Library and were received by the Chairman, Down District Council (Councillor J Magee), and later entertained at luncheon by the Chairman, Killyleagh Family History Society (Mr W A Rourke) in the Library.

In the afternoon The Duke and Duchess of York attended a service at St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, where His Royal Highness unveiled a commemorative window.

The Duke and Duchess of York were received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the County Borough of Belfast (Sir Robin Kinahan) and the Right Hon Lord Mayor of Belfast (Alderman J S D Gilmore).

At the entrance to the Cathedral Their Royal Highnesses were received by the Chief Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary (Sir John Hermon), the General Officer Commanding Northern Ireland (Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Pascoe) and the Chairman of the Police Federation for Northern Ireland (Mr A Wright).

The Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland (the Most Reverend Dr R H A Eames) officiated at the service.

Miss Helen Hughes and Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 15: The Princess of Wales this morning opened the Community Centre for Addiction, Slade Road, Birmingham.

Her Royal Highness subsequently opened the Children's Society's Youth Link project at 98, Church Hill Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Commander Richard Aylard, RN were in attendance.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Colonel Humphrey Quill, CBE, DSO, MVO, Past Master of the Clockmakers' Company, will be held at the Church of St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall in the City of London on Wednesday, February 17, at noon.

The infant daughter of Major and Mrs Donald Farquharson was christened Flora Irene Rose by the Rev Haydn Jones on Sunday, January 31, at St Mary's, Little Driffield. The godparents are Major Henry Callander, Major Hugh Lindsay, Mr Richard Lancaster, Mrs Robin Bromley-Martin, Mrs Mark Colacicchi and Mrs Robin Maclean.

Birthdays today

Mr P.E.R. Bailey, former director, Gatwick and Stansted Airports, 63; Mr F.G.R. Cuming, painter, 58; Mr Anthony Dowell, ballet dancer, 45; Mr David Emms, director, London House for Overseas Graduates, 63; Sir Geraint Evans, baritone, 66; Lord Franks, OM, 83; Professor Jack Levy, mechanical engineer, 62; Mr John McEnroe, tennis player, 29; Sir Maitland Mackie, former Lord Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire, 76; Sir Michael Milne-Watson, former chairman, BUPA, 78; Sir John Peck, diplomat, 75; Mr Peter Porter, poet, 59; Mr John Schlesinger, film director, 62; Sir Kenneth Selby, former president, Bath and Portland Group, 74; Sir James Swaffield, former director-general and Clerk to the GLC, 64; Mr Justice Webster, 64.

Mr Justice Raghunandan Swarup Pathak (Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India) has been elected an Honorary Master of the Bench of Gray's Inn.

Time to call a halt after 26 twins

By Craig Seton

A small town in Nicaragua is likely to end Coventry's civic enthusiasm to twin with towns all over the world.

The Midlands city pioneered twinning in Britain and since the Second World War has established formal links of peace and friendship with a record 26 international towns and cities.

The links grew out of the terrible night in November 1940 when Hitler's Luftwaffe bombed Coventry into rubble. Two years later the city sent a message of goodwill to Stalingrad which had also suffered dreadful losses at the hands of the Germans.

In 1944, formal links between Stalingrad (now Volgograd) and Coventry were established, followed over the next 40 years by 25 others, 11 in the east and 15 in the west.

The early links were with towns and cities such as Dresden, now in East Germany, and Caen in France, which had also suffered in the war.

For decades, lord mayors and burgermeisters, choirs and civic groups have exchanged reciprocal visits and attended each other's municipal receptions. Coventry's budget for twinning is about £30,000 a year.

However, in the 1960s and 1970's enthusiasm began to wane and the last formal twin was Jinan, in China, four years ago; and now a proposal by left wing members of the Labour-controlled council and trade unionists, for formal links with Chinandega, a town in Nicaragua, where the left-wing government is fighting US-backed guerillas, is leading to a review of twinning.

Councillors will meet next month at committee level to discuss what links should be established, but moderate Labour members and the Conservative opposition will fight against formal twinning.

Mr Arthur Waugh, Labour chairman of the civic and general purposes committee, said yesterday: "We have one or two individuals who want to twin with everybody, but I do not think twinning with Chinandega is on. We have not got enough money and we have over 20 twins already".

Mr Waugh said the council might supply small amounts of elementary farming equipment to Chinandega, but that was likely to be all.

The council, he said, was reviewing its twinning policy. It was trying to restore some of its links, but he conceded that others had begun to wither.

Mr Tim Sawdon, the Conservative Opposition leader, was more blunt. He said: "We are twinned with too many towns anyway. Some of them we have not heard of for years, but it is very difficult to end the arrangements because it would give offence.

"We should concentrate on those towns which give us good links, like Kiel."

Mr Sawdon said his group would oppose formal links with Chinandega, but he added: "To be fair to the Labour group, it was suggested by the far left. We would be desperately unhappy about it."

Coventry's twin towns are: Arnhem, Holland (1958); Belgrade, Yugoslavia (1957); Bologna, Italy (1960); Caen, France (1957); Cork, Eire (1958); Cornwall, Canada (1972); Coventry, Connecticut, USA (1962); Coventry, New York State, USA (1972); Coventry, Rhode Island, USA (1971); Dresden, German Democratic Republic (1956); Dunaujvaros, Hungary (1962); Galatzi, Romania (1962); Granby, Canada (1963); Graz, Austria (1957); Kecskemet, Hungary (1962); Jinan, China (1983); Kiel, Federal Republic of Germany (1947); Kingston, Jamaica (1962); Lidice, Czechoslovakia (1947); Ostrava, Czechoslovakia (1959); Parkes, Australia (1956); St Etienne, France (1955); Sarajevo, Yugoslavia (1957); Volgograd, USSR (1944); Warsaw, Poland (1957); and Windsor, Canada (1963).



Dr David Shepherdson, whose new job is to ensure that London Zoo animals are not bored, has started work already on a meerkat, a South African mongoose. Dr Shepherdson, who has the official title of Behavioural Enrichment Research Fellow, has to "develop and assess devices to enrich the animals' behaviour and to reduce abnormal behaviour associated with captivity". (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.

The Prince of Wales will open Ling Dynamic Systems, Baldock Road, Royston, Hertfordshire, at 10.40; and will visit the Cambridge Enterprise Agency, Lensfield Road, at 12.15. Later, as Patron of the African Medical and Research Foundation (UK), he will attend a fund-raising dinner for the foundation at Fishmongers' Hall at 7.30.

Memorial Service

The Very Rev S.H. Evans

The Archbishop of Canterbury was represented by the Right Rev John Trillo at a memorial service for the Very Rev Sydney Evans held yesterday in the Chapel of King's College, London. Canon Reginald Askew, Dean, officiated. Mr Hugh Evans, son, read the lesson and the Rev Professor Ulrich Simon read from *The Rule and Exercises of Holy Dying* by Jeremy Taylor. The Rev Professor Dennis Nineham gave an address.

The Most Rev Desmond Tutu, Archbishop of Cape Town, was represented by Canon Winston Ndungane, the Bishop of London by the Right Rev Kenneth Woollcombe and the Salisbury Diocese by the Right Rev John Neale. Professor S.R. Sutherland, Principal of King's College, London, attended.

Luncheon

HM Government

Baroness Hooper, Under-Secretary of State for Education and Science, was host yesterday at a luncheon held at Lancaster House in honour of the Prime Minister of Mauritius.

Complete results from Crufts

The following is the full list of results from Crufts Dog Show:

Champion Starlite Express of Valsett, a three-year-old English setter, owned by Mrs Valerie Watkin, of Long Sutton, Lincolnshire, was chosen as Supreme Champion.

Best of group:

Gun dogs
English Setter. Sh Ch Starlite Express of Valsett.

Hounds
Borzois. Ch Colhugh Camiknickers. Mr R A Bassett, Brighton, Sussex.

Toy and utility dogs
Toy Yorkshire Terrier. Ch Ozmilion Dedication. Mr O A Samela, Battersea.
Utility: Lhasa Apso. Ch Saxonsprings Fresno, Mr G Corish, Longton, Lancs.

Terriers
Border Terrier. Ch Brannigan of Brumberhill. Messrs S A McPherson and G E Hutchinson. Roebuck, York.

Working dogs
Samoyed. Ch Zamoyski Lucky Star of Ostyak. Mrs C A Fox, Drybrook, Glouc.

Best of breed

Gun dogs
German Wirehaired Pointers: Bareve Beverley Hills. Mrs D & Miss S Pinkerton, Market Harborough, Leics.
Hungarian Vizslas: Sh Ch Champs Shooting Star of Vaternish. Mr & Mrs B Chisholms, Sheffield. S Yorks.
Irish Red and White Setters: Shannonlee Majestic Flame at Copperdale. Mr & Mrs P A Peacock, Farnborough, Hants.
Large Munsterlanders: Jemas Talent. Mr & Mrs J M Massey, Doncaster, S Yorks.
Retrievers (Curly Coated): C H Darelyn Rifleman. Mrs A Clarkson, Wolverhampton, W Midlands.
Spaniels (American Cocker): Jonba High-Light of Tello. Mr D G Jones, Burry Port, Dyfed.
Spaniels (Clumber): Show Chmpn. Raycroft Sparrowhawk. Mr M J Clarke, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.
Spaniels (English Springer): Bomrars Envoy to Shipden. Mrs C Muirhead, Norwich, Norfolk.
Spaniels (Field): Watermusic of Westacres at Elgert. Miss G Osborn, Beaconsfield, Bucks.
Spaniels (Irish Water): Doonbeg Laurel of Towbray. Mrs H Ladazynowski, Rumcorn, Cheshire.
Spaniels (Sussex): Show Chmpn Oldhollbans Lesanniea Paperchase. Mrs A Findlay, Heathfield, E Sussex.
Spaniels (Welsh Springer): Fivecares Flinnegan. A Mrs W A Robson, Newcastle upon Tyne.
Any variety gun dog: Walgored Canard du Fosscott. Mr & Mrs P F Green, Rugby, Warwicks.
Irish Setters (Gitchies): Navarks Nadia. Mr & Mrs R Laurie, Plymouth, Devon.
Italian Spinones: Deldawn Cito at Dinaleas. Mr R & Miss E Patterson, Newhaven, E Sussex.
Retrievers (Golden bitches): Chmpn. Coombstock Disco Dancer. Mrs J S Newton, Huntingdon, Cambs.
Weimaraners: Vedanta Voinal. Mr & Miss H Smith, Nuneaton, W Midlands.
English Setters: Show Chmpn. Starlite Express of Valsett. Mr & Mrs J W Watkin, Spalding, Lincs.
Gordon setters: Show Chmpn. Timadon Bramble. Mrs C Lomas, Coxwold, N Yorkshire.
German short haired pointers: Bellandowra Fantasy. Mrs J Squire, Maidstone, Kent.
Pointers: Show Chmpn. Trendmere Skytracker. Mr & Mrs G Sennitt, Hampton, Middx.
Retrievers (Flat Coated): Show Chmpn. Falswift Auriga. Mrs P L Westrop, Dodford, Northants.
Retrievers (Labrador): Trewinnard Any Time. Mr T R Pascoe, Wellington, Somerset.
Spaniels (Cocker): Judika Blackamur. Mr & Mrs K S Costello, Earl Shilton, Leics.

Hounds

Best of Breed
Afghan Hound: Ch Ratheeli Jadu. Mr A M Cleak, Oakerthorpe, Derbyshire.
Basenjis: Sh Ch Erme Jolly Swagman. Mesdames Cardew, Beckingham and Sh Ermine, Billingborough, Lincs.
Basset Hounds: Ch Dahenol Diamond. Mr & Mrs J H Savory, Barry, South Glamorgan.
Beagles: Ch Ferrrac Brandy. Mr M Phillips, Aberdare, Mid Glamorgan.
Bloodhounds: Baskerwyn Magnus. Mrs J Smith, Llandeilo, Dyfed.
Borzois: Ch Colhugh Camiknickers. Mr R A Bassett, Brighton, Sussex.
Dachshunds (Miniature Long-Haired): Ch Howrigg Black Pepper. Mrs J Lamb, Ferryhill, Co Durham.
Dachshunds (Smooth Hair): Ch Dartsca D'Anjou. Mrs L Coxon, Newcastle upon Tyne.
Dachshunds (Wire Haired): Ch Lillings Hullabaloo. Mr A A Berry, Stalybridge, Cheshire.
Deerhounds: Fingon Nairn. Mr W F Drew, Telford.
Dachshunds (long-haired): Ch Albany's Red Ranger. Misses C L M and S D A Cantheral, Darlington, Co Durham.
Dachshunds (miniature smooth-haired): Berrycourt Truly Fair. Mr and Mrs R L Vpaden, Shaftesbury, Dorset.
Dachshunds (miniature wire-haired): Lowbraes Danny Boy of Andyc. Miss S M Raphael, Thirsk, North Yorkshire.
Elkhounds: Ch Sarrah Polly. Mrs E M Jamieson, Guthrie by Forfar, Angus.
Greyhounds: Ch Ransley Fortune Seeker. Mr P W Bartlett, Ashford, Kent.
Ibizan Hounds: Ch Sins Summer Mist. Ms D Berry, Baldock, Hertfordshire.
Irish Wolfhounds: Ch Solstrand Kaspar. Mrs D A Kenis, Horsham, West Sussex.
Otterhounds: Boravin Oakleaf. Mrs J Smith, Llandeilo, Dyfed.
Pharaoh Hounds: Ch Rydane's Piedkare. Mr M Bowles, Portsmouth, Hants.
Rhodesian Ridgebacks: Ch Umtali Kalanga. Mrs G M Adsett, Okehampton, Devon.
Salukis: Ch Shamal Kharaz. Mr & Mrs G M Giles, Crewkerne, Somerset.
Whippets: Denzills Democrat. Mr D Hill and Mrs J Edwards, Reading.

Toy and Utility dogs

Best of Breed
Affenpinschers: Schwarz Sarah at Seapatield. Mrs J F Wiggins, Sudeford, Lincs.
Australian silky terrier: Jardin de Fluer. Mrs P E Webber, Potterhanwood, Herts.
Bichons Frises: Kirnismar Boogie's Boy. Mrs M F Atkins, Effingham, Surrey.
Boston terrier: Ch Chulka Kirsty. Mr & Mrs J W & W P Barker, Bures, Suffolk.
Bulldog: Willsmere Solid Silver. Mr & Mrs H Williams, Doncaster, S Yorks.
Cavalier King Charles spaniel: Chantiz Thyme. Mr and Mrs R H Reed, Much Hadham, Herts.
Chihuahua (smooth coat): Ch Allende Sweetpea. Mrs J Rose, Stroud, Glos.
Chinese crested dog: Moorswift Captain Fantastic. Mrs D V Bowdler-Townsend, St Neots, Cambs.
Chow chows: Cherrymount Charlie Girl of Mimmit. Mr and Mrs A Bonser, Whitley, S Yorkshire.
Dalmatian: Ch Sparkle Dalgalopsa. Mrs A G J Bale-Stock, Newport, Gwent.
English toy terrier (black and tan): Ch Cassarra Black Olive. Mrs C W Hore, Chepstow, Gwent, South Wales.
French bulldog: Ch Le Baronnet Fontenelle. Mr P W Shayne, Thames Ditton, Surrey.
Griffons Bruxellois: Ch Starbeck Crystal Rainbow. Mrs A V Ham, Ilkeston, W Sussex.
Italian greyhound: Ch Philtre Frutilla. Mrs R Lewis, Brighton, E Sussex.
Japanese akita: Proud Toramaga from Panevor. Mr M C Parkin, Mansfield, Notts.
Japanese chins: Alastella Giorgio. Mesdames S Reeves and C Sargent, Portchester, Hants.
Japanese spitz: Sherival Osaka of Valdonac. Mr & Mrs D B Brookes, Bromley, S Yorks.
Keeshonds: Ch Neradmik Jupiter. Mrs J Sharp, Ringwood, Hants.
King Charles spaniel: Ch Synannie Corny's Pride and Joy. Mr B E and Mrs S A Byers, Tadley, Hants.
Lhasa apsos: Ch Saxonsprings Fresno, Mr G Corish, Longton, Lancs.
Lowchen: Santerrie Ambassabearing. Mr and Mrs R E Munson, Whitstable, Kent.
Maltese: Ch Snowgoose Kings Ransome. Mrs V M Herriff, Woking, Surrey.
Miniature pinschers: Ch Phyllo Trooper Brown. Mrs S M Robbins, Beaworthy, Devon.
Miniature schnauzer: Ch Luke Lively at Coursegate. Miss P A McLaren & E Cooke, Rotherham, S Yorks.
Pekingese: Rajshams Lady Ku-Donna. Miss S Lashmar, Redhill, Surrey.
Pomeranian: Sableways Silver Statesman at Thelbern. Mrs T Alsford, St Helier, Jersey.
Poodle (miniature): Sukeen Black Additive. Misses E M Neal, North Ferriby, N Humberside.
Poodle (standard): Devil In Demand at Shalanka. Mrs A Penfold, Rudgwick, W Sussex.
Poodle (toy): Ch Manimar Imperial Montrayis. Mesdames C Gibbs & C Dalton, Farnham, Surrey.
Pug: Annisdale Two With Pugnus. Mr E R Herrold, Brighton, E Sussex.
Schipperkes: Ch Keyna's Swansong. Messrs P Baker & M Vincent, Witney, Oxon.
Schnauzer: Ch Siddleys DuiCh Bargemaster. Miss S J Hartrell, Peterborough, Cambs.
Shihtzus: Santosha Tiger Lily. Mr & Mrs D Crossley, Crewe, Cheshire.
Tibetan spaniels: Twinley Tarantella. Miss K J Williamson, Ashford, Kent.
Tibetan terriers: Ch Allah Tamarind of Muzanne. Dr & Mrs W M Tempest, Newport, Shropshire.
Yorkshire terrier: Ch Ozmilion Dedication. Mr O A Samela, Battersea, South-west London.
Any variety German spitz: Ulmarra Truly Scrumptious. Mr R & Mrs C A Trendle, Reading, Berks.
Any variety toy or utility: Normanscourt Alfred of Rosanick. Mrs P Jones, Rayleigh, Essex.

Terriers

Best of Breed
Bedlington Terriers: Moorside Ursula Uta at Hulldyke. Mr B F Emsley, Bradford, West Yorkshire.
Bull Terriers (miniature): Spitewinter Suicide Trouble. Mr P Goodwin, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.
Fox Terriers (smooth): Ch Geostar Sun Boy. Mr A Westwood, Dudley, West Midlands.
Irish Terriers: Red Rosette. Mrs M M E Lloyd, Harborne, Birmingham.
Lakeland Terriers: Wishful Spinning Jenny. Mrs M L Hunter and Mr A Mrs Atkinson, Radcliffe, Manchester.
Airedale Terriers: Jolcyl American Dream. Mesdames D K Jackson and M Swash, Frensham, Surrey.
Cairn Terriers: Ch Pentcharm Top Secret. Mr and Mrs P O Hooton, Coalville, Leicestershire.
Australian Terriers: Quindell Sterling Star. Mr J McCormack, Brandon, Suffolk.
Border Terriers: Ch Brannigan of Brumberhill. Messrs S A McPherson and G E Hutchinson, Roebuck, York.
Bull Terriers: Brobar Joker of Emred. Mr R and Mrs D Lamonby, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.
Dandie Dinmont Terriers: Ch Rockvar Silver Broom. Mrs F Chapman, Motherwell.
Kerry Blue Terriers: Granemore Ballinacrat. Mr T J Reynolds, Chaddesden, Derbyshire.
Fox Terriers (Wire): Ch Louline Head Over Heels. Mr E G A Flyckt-Pedersen, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon.
Manchester Terriers: Ch Keytine War Drummer. Ms Forest Keys and Mr D E Moorhouse, Barrow-upon-Humber, South Humberside.
Norfolk Terriers: Ch Clockwise Jaeva. Mr M P Phillips, Rugby, Warwickshire.
Norwich Terriers: Ch Elve Tallesin. Mr M Crawley, Steeple Aston, Oxon.
Scottish Terriers: Ch Little Lad of Scarista at Brokenheugh. Mr J Falconer, Fife, Scotland.
Sealyham Terriers: Ch Topstege Canada Dry. Mrs B A Postgate, Guisborough, Cleveland.
Skye Terriers: Balquhalston Skyjack. Mrs G Dalrymple, Stamannan By Falkirk, Scotland.
Staffordshire Bull Terriers: Ch Charlemagne of Judcar. Mr G H Eddrick and Mrs A Earle, Stockton, Cleveland.
Welsh Terriers: Ch Craftsman of Gwenog. Mr and Mrs J O Jones, Llanybyther.
West Highland White Terriers: Brierlow Blazing Sensation. Mr A Gordon and Mrs J Bowden, Audenshaw, Manchester.
Soft-Coated Wheaten Terriers: Caradaw Shea Banshee. Mr J Thackray, Morley, West Yorkshire.

Working dogs

Best of Breed
Alaskan malamutes: Highnoons Nootka. Mr & Mrs B & V A Fairbairn, Eyemouth, Berwicks.
Australian sheepherd dogs: Kamish Miras. Mr & Mrs M T Reed, Winchester, Hants.
Bearded collies: Ch Ororas Frank. Miss B C Harcourt-Brown, Alnwick, Northumberland.
Belgian shepherd dog (Groenendael): Ch Zhale Philanderer. Mrs H Pond, Reading, Berks.
Belgian shepherd Dogs (Tervuerens): Bergerac Love Kills. Mr & Mrs K W & C F Croad, Stonehouse, Glouc.
Bernese mountain dog: Ch Duntublane Dark Protector. Mrs D Cochrane, Alcester, Warks.
Border collie: Sh Ch Alnwood Border Dream. Mrs N Simpson, Linlithgow, W Lothian.
Bouvier des Flandres: King Elke V H Molengal at Tuscots (IMP). Messrs S J Mallard & M W James, Yeovil.
Boxer: Ch Roxess Daze of Wine and Roses. Mrs N Todd, Crook, Co Durham.
Briards: Trislele Tosca of Jemy. Mr & Mrs J Connell, Redditch, Worcs.
Bull mastiffs: Maxstoke Gwylym. Mr C & Mrs M Jones, Coleshill, Warks.
Collie (rough): Tashadon Jenny Wren. Mrs J Staniland, Warrington, Ches.
Collie (smooth): Ch Newarp Silver Moonbeam. Mrs P E Lister, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.
Dobermann: Ch Sallate's Ferris. Mrs D Anderson, Brighton, E Sussex.
German shepherd (Alsatian): Gaysville's Dixie. Mr & Mrs D H Hall, Newcastle upon Tyne.
German wirehaired pointer: Rillaton Misty Shadow. Mr and Mrs T J C Key, Chard, Som.
Great Dane: Ch Imperial Measaure of Heathlake. Mrs K Le Mare, Ottershaw.
Hungarian puli: Ch Loakespark Polity Esta. Miss A L Davis, Southgate, north London.
Lancashire heeler: Acremead Biscuit of Calo (LHC). Mrs & Miss B C & H Bell, Bognor Regis, W Sussex.
Maremma sheepdog: Ch Rocky. Choice leader. Mesdames E Bradder & S Davies, Conisbrough, S Yorks.
Mastiff: Ch Ubenas Star of Namqua. Mr D Blaxter, Chesham, Bucks.
Newfoundland: Prickly Pear. Mr C Drury, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon.
Norwegian buhund: Ch Adoram Dahlias. Mr M Quinney, Newark, Notts.
Old English sheepdog: Ch Zoltet's Miss Marpie of Lameda. Mr & Mrs J P & C Smith, Sydenham, south-east London.
Pyrenean Mountain Dog: Ch Scoobidoo of Basobel. Mrs M Townsend, Wigan, Gr Manchester.
Rottweiler: Ch Vanhursch April Lord. Mrs J A Heath, Hednesford, Staffs.
St Bernard: Finetime Sputnik. Mr & Mrs T J & H Churchill, Lowgh, borough, Lancs.
Samoyed: Ch Zamoyski Lucky Star of Ostyak. Mrs C A Fox, Drybrook, Glouc.
Shetland sheepdog: Cultured at Cachetta. Mr & Mrs P & A Johnstone, Middlesbrough, Cleveland.
Siberian husky: Ch Vyshonsk Prince of Forstal. Mrs L M Leich, Thetford, Norfolk.
Swedish vallhund: Kirkholme Harald. Mr & Mrs G Peacock, Charlton, south-east London.
Welsh corgi (Pembroke): Ch Pemland Magnus. Mr & Mrs J & M Mogness, Faringdon, Oxon.
Welsh corgi (Cardigan): Ch Jodler Joton. Mrs A Kennedy & Mr P Clifton, Peterborough, Cambs.
ADV — Working Group: Homestead Adnarna of Trreaur. Mrs D G Challoner, Loughborough, Leics.

Obedience Championship (Dogs): Twistle of Challyfar (Obedience Champion). Mr M R Farrington, Fordingbridge, Hants.

Obedience Championship (Bitches): Powel Crystal Gail (Obedience Champion). Alsatian. Mrs S A Bishop, Colbeas, Brighton.

OBITUARY

FREDERICK LOEWE

Master of the Musical



Frederick (Fritz) Loewe, composer, who died on February 14, at the age of 86, must always be remembered for his partnership with the librettist, Alan Jay Lerner, and particularly for *My Fair Lady*, a musical version of *Pygmalion*, which brought the name Bernard Shaw — who had died six years earlier — to probably the largest audience he had ever known.

Originally staged in New York during 1956 (where it was revived 20 years later), it ran there, at three theatres, for 2,717 performances, and in London, at Drury Lane (where it came in 1958), for 2,281 performances, when a critic described it as "an almost excessively good musical."

He caught the style and spirit of this Shavian adventure — its text based more on the filmscript than the play. His memorial is such celebrated melodies as "I could have danced all night", "The rain in Spain'," and "Wouldn't it be loverly?". After these, one had to doubt whether a real object of *Pygmalion*, as Shaw had claimed mischievously long before, was "to call public attention to the importance of the study of phonetics", though we were never likely to forget, after hearing the musical, that "the Rine in Spine Sties Minely in the Pline".

Loewe was born in Vienna, on June 10, 1901. His father, Edmund Loewe, a tenor, created the role of Prince Danilo in *The Merry Widow*, in 1906; his mother, Rose, was an actress. He was educated at the Military Academy and at Stern's Conservatory in Berlin. He studied the piano with Ferrucio Busoni and Eugene d'Albert and composition with Nicholas von Reznicek.

He had made his début in Berlin during 1914 as a concert pianist when he was thirteen; and at the age of 15 wrote "Katrina", a popular song of the day. Twenty-nine years later, in 1944, he made a New York concert début at Carnegie Hall.

He had gone to the United States in 1924, but did not find immediate success. His grasp of English was poor and his musical sensibility did not appeal to American ears. To support himself, he took a string of odd jobs, from riding instructor to prizefighter and cow-puncher. On his return to New York, he played the piano in beer halls and the organ in a movie house — a job to which talkies put an end.

Loewe's reputation must rest upon the important group of musicals which he wrote from 1945, having by then secured as lyricist and librettist a much younger man, Alan Jay Lerner, who wrote the book for their first combined production, *Life of the Party*, which was done in Detroit, Michigan, in 1942.

Lerner also wrote the book for Loewe's score in *What's Up* in 1943 and *The Day Before Spring* (1945). Before they joined forces, Loewe had tried one or two other musicals, but he had had no particular success.

Suddenly he and Lerner, in partnership, broke through with *Brigadoon* (581 performances at the Ziegfeld, New York, from 1947). This was done in London at His Majesty's in 1949 where it ran for 685 performances. It was based on the idea that in order to save a Scottish village from a plague of witches, a good divine prayed that Brigadoon might vanish into the Highland mists and turn up only once in 100 years for a single day. (The piece contained the ballad, "The love of my life").

Paint Your Wagon arrived in New York in 1951 and had 288 performances at the Schubert; from the spring of 1953 there were 477 London performances at His Majesty's. It was about a nineteenth-century mushroom-town of a gold rush, with a variety of choral miners, particularly in "I'm on my Way".

Still, all previous work in what was now recognised as one of the major musical partnerships of its time would be eclipsed by *My Fair Lady*, which starred Rex Harrison and Julie Andrews.

Apart from Loewe's music — which also included "Get me to the church on time" and "On the street where you live" — this had the benefit of a firm Shavian texture and was spared the dire incongruities of musical-comedy humour, though Lerner did alter the anti-romantic "romance" to conform to the conventions of the musical play. The musical was originally titled "My Lady Liza".

Their next joint production was the Arthurian *Camelot* at the Majestic Theatre, New York, in 1960; here, Loewe was co-producer: this had 873 performances, and at Drury Lane, London, from 1964, 518. Lesser in quality than the others, it was still immensely successful.

Gigi (New York, 1973), was based on the novel by Colette; its book and score came from the Lerner-Loewe film of the same name for which, in 1958, Loewe received the Academy Award. For the musical he received a "Tony"; Lerner did less well. In the screen version, Maurice Chevalier found his signature tune, "Thank heaven for little girls".

Loewe also wrote the music for various American television productions, including *Salute to Lerner and Loewe* (1961) and *The Lerner and Loewe Songbook* (1962). Lerner died in 1986.

"I don't like my music, but what is my opinion against that of millions of others?", Loewe once quipped. He might have preferred, he said, to have spent his life playing Bach and Mozart — but Broadway paid more.

He was twice married and twice divorced.

COMMANDER RICHARD JESSEL

Commander Richard Jessel, DSO, OBE, DSC and Bar, who died on February 14, aged 85, was a Second World War destroyer captain of outstanding dash and heroism. His sheaf of decorations marked long arduous service in Malta convoys, with all the hazards which that entailed, and he served also in Arctic convoys.

Richard Frederick Jessel was born on November 24, 1902, into a leading Anglo-Jewish legal family. (His father, A. H. Jessel, KC, was brought up by his great-uncle, Sir George Jessel, who was Solicitor-General in Gladstone's 1870 Government and, later, a celebrated Master of the Rolls.)

After the Royal Naval Colleges at Osborne and Dartmouth, Jessel's pre-war service took him to the China, Malta and New Zealand stations.

He played an incidental part in history when, as captain of HMS *Glow-worm* he escorted King Edward VIII on the famous Mediterranean cruise in the summer of 1936 which the King made in the yacht *Nahlin* with Mrs Simpson.

Jessel's career nearly came to a premature and disastrous end: taking an evening swim while they were at anchor he was run over by the King's motorboat and his legs were caught in the propeller. The episode is described in *The Rainbow Comes and Goes*, by Lady Diana Cooper, who was a guest on the cruise. He was later visited in hospital by the King and by Queen Mary.

Unfit for service at sea, Jessel made do with shore jobs including the training of cadets in HMS *Erebus*. But early in the war he joined the battle-cruiser *Hood* as first lieutenant. Shortly before she was sunk, with almost all hands, he had left her to take command of his favourite ship, the destroyer *Legion*.

This was the time of the siege of Malta. The convoys which supplied the beleaguered island saw some of the most testing fighting of the war.

In January 1942 Jessel was awarded the DSC for "skill and enterprise in action against enemy submarines". He gained a mention in despatches — one of three he won — when the aircraft carrier *Ark Royal* was sunk and he steered the *Legion* alongside to rescue 1,834 officers and crew. His DSO recognised a brilliant night action in which two Italian cruisers and an E-boat were destroyed.

The *Legion*, having inflicted so much damage on the enemy, finally perished herself. Bombed at sea, she limped into harbour in Malta, where, bombed again, she sank. Jessel, who had sustained a broken leg — yet again — saw to the safety of his crew and was the last to leave his ship.

He was invalided home, but another adventure overtook him. The hospital ship, harassed by enemy bombers, went aground on the North African coast. All on board were taken prisoner by the Vichy French. Jessel's character as the senior allied officer in Laghouat Prison in Algeria was vividly portrayed by Commander Charles Lamb in his book *War in a String Bag*.

Released in the American advance across North Africa, Jessel resumed his career. It was now that he saw service with the Arctic convoys.

Just before the end of the war he won a further decoration, the Knighthood 1st Class of the Order of St Olav, to mark the evacuation from a fjord of Norwegian resistance fighters.

After the war Jessel was on the Directing Staff of the Royal Naval Staff College at Greenwich, where his work was recognised with an OBE.

In 1952 he was lent to the Indian Navy as head of the naval wing of the Joint Services Staff College at Wellington, South India.

His wife died in 1977. There were two sons (one of whom is Toby Jessel, MP) and two daughters.

SEÑORITA NORA ASTORGA

Señorita Nora Astorga, Nicaraguan ambassador to the United Nations from 1986 until December of last year, died on February 14.



She won her revolutionary spurs in the last days of the Somoza régime, when, on March 8, 1978 — International Women's Day — she lured General Reynaldo (The Dog) Perez Vega, to his death. The general, deputy commander of the National Guard, was a focus for the hatred of the Sandinista National Liberation Front who had a reputation as a womaniser as well as a torturer.

The plan was said to be that Perez Vega would be kidnapped and exchanged for Sandinista prisoners. Astorga, a lawyer whose sympathies for the revolutionaries were not known to the Government, had been resisting his advances for some time, but at the request of the guerrillas she invited him to her home. When he had relieved himself of his side-arms in her bedroom, a group of guerrillas appeared and murdered him when he resisted capture.

Astorga — now a heroine of the revolution — went into hiding with the guerrillas.

When the Somoza régime toppled, within the year, she was prosecutor in alleged war crime cases, and became deputy foreign minister.

In 1984 she was proposed as her country's ambassador to the United States. The CIA, for whom Perez Vega had been a valuable ally, vetoed the appointment.

However, the Reagan administration was powerless to prevent her nomination to the UN, where she was a tireless promoter of the Sandinista cause. She also became something of a cult figure with feminist groups.

The Hon Mrs Geoffrey Bowlby, CVO, who died in Ireland on February 13, at the age of 102, was a Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother (as Duchess of York), 1932-7, and a Woman of the Bedchamber after the Duchess became Queen, 1937 to 1944.

During the First World War Lettice Bowlby was commandant of an auxiliary hospital and was twice mentioned in despatches.

MR GEOFFREY CHAPMAN

Mr Geoffrey Chapman, who has died, at the age of 79, spent much of his life in the Colonial Service, specializing in forestry.

He went to Cyprus in 1930 where, based in Paphos Forest, he energetically set about developing orderly forestry management. During the war he was operations officer in Cyprus for Force 133, a wing of SOE, which was engaged in covert operations in occupied Greece. For his services in this capacity, Chapman was awarded an MBE (mil.).

In 1947 he was seconded to Iraq as director of forests. From there he moved to Cairo, encouraging the emerging forestry industry, before returning to Cyprus in 1951. His last posting was back in Iraq, where he remained from 1955 until his retirement from the Service three years later.

In retirement, however, Chapman's skills were called upon by the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization, and he held senior UN postings in Turkey and Morocco.

He leaves a widow, Esther, and two sons.

Vice-Admiral Sir Henry Burrell, KBE, CB, Chief of the Australian Naval Staff from 1959 to 1962, has died at the age of 83.

His commands included *Norman* (1941-2); *Bataan* (1945); *Australia* (1949); and *Vengeance* (1953-4).

Forthcoming marriages

The Hon I.H. Hope-Morley and Miss C.N. Ash
The engagement is announced between Ian, eldest son of Lord and Lady Hollenden, of Leigh, Kent, and Caroline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Kim Ash, of Johannesburg, South Africa.

Mr S.M. Anderson and Miss A.L. Gabriel
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of the late Mr William Anderson and of Mrs Bunty Anderson, of Old Church Street, Chelsea, and Louise, daughter of Professor and Mrs Roger Gabriel, of Pe

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

PERSONAL COLUMNS

For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgement unto the son. St. John 5:22

BIRTHS

BATES - On February 15th, at Queen Charlottes Hospital, to Teresa and Robert, a daughter, Lisa.

BEARDMORE-GRAY - On February 14th, to Emma and Matthew, a daughter, Alice.

BOUVERAT - On February 13th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, to Nicole and Philip Bouverat, a son, Frederick Charles Philip.

BUTLER - On February 10th, to Sue (née Johns) and Andrew, a daughter, Holly Jessica, sister for Adam.

CHANNING - On February 10th at Dorchester Hospital to Viv (née Wheatwell) and Andy a daughter, Martha Louise, a sister for Sam.

CHASTEL de BOINVILLE - On February 14th 1988, to Shaunagh (née Magill) and Simon, a daughter, Cornelia Frances.

CLARK - On February 3rd 1988, at Queen Mary's University Hospital, Roehampton, to Susan (née Charters) and Alastair, a son, James Alastair, a brother for Sarah.

CLEWART-PERRYS - On February 7th, at John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Jayne (née Tojeiro) and Stephen, a son, Thomas George Rouy.

GREEN - On February 9th, at St Mary's Paddington, to Janet (née Mallinder), and David, a son, Oliver Nicholas, Hallam, a brother to Barnaby.

HOLDEN - On February 13th, at P.A.M.W., Bath, to Ruth (née Moore) and Richard, a son, Joseph William, a brother for Alice.

HOLT - On February 15th, at City Hospital, St Albans to Mollyn (née Walsh) and Robert, a second son, James William Howard, a brother for Bobby.

LESSON - On February 10th, to Jennifer and Ian, a daughter Lara Rosemary Campbell.

LIVINGSTON - On February 12th, in Saskatoon, to Eleanor (née Liddy) and Hazel, a daughter, Rachel Anne Naomi.

PETERSEN - On February 15th, in Enfield to Dianne and John, a daughter, Lucinda Christine.

POOLE - On February 14th, in Paraguay to Ali (née Orr-Ewing) and Nigel, the gift of a daughter Elizabeth Naomi.

REID - On February 14th, to Rosemary (née Mason) and Robin, a daughter, Jenna Victoria.

ROBERTSON - On February 10th, to Judy (née Pennock) and John, a daughter Emily Georgina, a sister for Charlotte.

TOPPING - On February 12th 1988, at Hinchingbrooke Hospital, Cambs., to Anne (née Vu) and Peter, a son, Hugo William Wilson.

DEATHS

ATKINSON - On February 13th 1988, in her 84th year, peacefully at home at Dalbeattie, Dumfries. Margaret Mary (née Roy) beloved wife of Fenton (died 1970) and mother of Eileen, Ian and Patricia. Funeral at St Mary's, Birnam at 11.30am on Wednesday 17th February, followed by private interment. No flowers. "Once through a glass darkly, now face to face with The Lord she loves. Deo Gratias".

BARBER - On February 14th 1988, peacefully at home in Wimbledon, Philip Gerald Barber, C.B.E., aged 78 years. Beloved husband of the Rowse (dec'd). Dearly loved Father of Martin and Sarah and Grandfather of Katie, Theo, William, Rosie and Tom. Funeral Service at 11.30am on Thursday 18th February at St Marys Church, Wimbledon, followed by private cremation. No flowers please. Donations to British Refugee Council, 3/9 Bondway, London SW8.

BAXTER - On February 11th, Bryan Reginald, aged 82 years, of Barton-on-Sea. Much loved father of Robert, Timothy and Biddy. Funeral service at Salisbury Crematorium on Friday February 19th at 1.30pm.

BODY - On February 11th, after a long illness courageously borne, Father Alan, twin brother of Cyril. Requiem Mass at St Mary's Mother of God, Hornchurch, at 2pm on Friday February 19th. Fortified by the Rights of The Holy Church. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent to West & Coe, 125 Hornchurch Road, Hornchurch for The Leukaemia Department of The Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead. Requiescat in Pace.

BOWLBY - On February 13th, peacefully in Ireland, Lettice CVO, daughter of 11th Viscount Valentia and widow of Captain Geoffrey Bowlby, Royal Horseguards. Beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, aged 102. Funeral private.

BROWN - On February 10th 1988, after a long illness, Norah Brown (née Goldfinch) aged 83, widow of Ernest Brown, Priest. Mother of Margaret and Martin. Funeral at Bromley College Chapel at 1.40pm on Thursday February 18th. Flowers may be sent to Francis Chapell & Sons, 1 Lower Addiscombe Road, East Croydon, by 12 noon. Interment of ashes at Sompting Parish Church, Sussex at 12 noon, Thursday February 25th.

BRUCE-YOUNG - On February 11th, peacefully in hospital, Dr John Alan M.D., M.R.C.P. Beloved husband of Susan. Funeral service in Northern Ireland. Family flowers only, but donations if so desired to the British Legion. Enquiries please to J. H. Kenyon 01 935 3728.

CALVERLEY - On February 14th, peacefully at Dene Place, West Hoxley, Eileen Mary, widow of Cecil, much loved mother of Jean, David and family. Requiem mass will take place at 11.00am on Monday 22nd February at Church of Holy Name, Esher, followed by private cremation.

CHAMBERLAIN - On February 12th, at Elmdeff Sands, Liverpool, Mary (Molly) widow of G.H. (Jim) Chamberlain. Requiem mass at 10.30 am 16th February at St Josephs, Blundell Sands. Interment at Thornton Garden of Rest.

CHANNING - On February 12th tragically Vivienne Susan (née Wheatwell), aged 26 years, beloved wife of Andy and mother of Sam and Martha, and much loved by all her family. Funeral arrangements by A.J.Walkely & Sons, Beaminster, Dorset (0308) 862558.

CONRAN - On February 14th 1988, peacefully at her home, 15 Victoria Park, Bangor, Clarinda Wynne, Wife of the late D.A.S. Conran, dear mother of Tony and Lesley and devoted Nain to Maryed and Alys. Funeral service at Bangor Crematorium on Wednesday February 17th at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Canolfan Canser L.I.F.E., c/o H.O. Davies Ltd, Funeral Directors, Park Street, Bangor, Gwynned. Tel. 0248 352650.

DE SAUSMAREZ - On February 13th 1988, Nora Frances, wife of the late Commander R.P. De Sausmarez, Royal Navy. Loved by many. Date of Thanksgiving Service to be announced.

EVERETT - On February 12th, at home, Leslie Wakefield Everett aged 87 years, dearly loved husband of Aileen and father of Robert and Nigel. Funeral service at Cranford Crematorium, Bristol, on Thursday, February 18th at 12.00 noon. No flowers, donations if desired to Medical Cardiology Fund, Bristol Royal Infirmary c/o Thomas Davis (Funeral Directors) Ltd, Southville Lodge, Southville Road, Bristol BS3 1DJ.

FERGUSON On February 12th, in his 88th year, Thomas James Ferguson, born in Belfast, husband of the late Sybil M. Ferguson (née Brown). Funeral service 2.30pm Friday 19th February, at the Kent and Sussex Crematorium, Tunbridge Wells. No flowers please. Donations if desired to; British Heart Foundation, 35 High Street, Ticehurst, East Sussex.

FREEMAN - On February 15th 1988, peacefully after a short illness in Angus Nursing Home, Brighton, Beatrice Gladys. Private family cremation. No flowers please.

GRAY - On February 13th 1988, peacefully at Hindhead, after a short illness, Marjorie Howard aged 88, widow of Dr Oliver Gray, and much loved mother of Jean. Flowers and enquiries to Gould and Chapman Ltd. 042 875 4436. Donations if desired to Haslemere District Hospital.

HANNAH - On February 14th 1988, peacefully at home, Elizabeth Audrey, dearly loved and loving wife of the late Cecil Denbigh Hannah M.C., mother of Juliette, grandmother of Antonia, Bridget and Charles. Great grandmother of Pamella, sister of Noeline and life long friend of Ming. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving at St Wilfrid's Church, Harrogate on Wednesday 17th February at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Royal Marsden Hospital, London, SW3.

HEYNES - On February 12th, peacefully, Evelyn (Dutch) Heynes, aged 84. Dearly loved wife of William Munger Heynes C.B.E., and loving mother of Simon and Jonathan of Wolverton Grange, near Stratford on Avon. Funeral, St Mary's Church, Wolverton at 2.30, Wednesday, February 17th. Flowers to Mason & Sons, Reginald Street, Coventry. 0203 25191.

HICKMAN - On February 9th, suddenly at home, Roughton House, Bridgnorth. John Reginald, beloved husband of Violet, and dear father of John and Jeremy and the late Primrose Olink. Enquiries and Flowers to Perry and Phillips, Underhill Street, Bridgnorth 765255. Funeral at St Chads Catholic Church, Sedgley Nr. Wolverhampton on Friday, February 19th at 11.30am.

HODGES - On February 13th 1988, peacefully in his sleep at home in Royston, Clarence Paul aged 71 years, husband of Betty, father of Phillip, Joanna (Womack) and Tom. Funeral private. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Addenbrookes Heart Disease Research, c/o S Newting and Son, Funeral Directors, 122 Mill Rd, Royston, Herts.

HORNBERN - On February 13th 1988, at home in Seaford, Revd Cyril Calveley, aged 81, late vicar of Saint Peter, Limehouse, and St Johns, Holland Road, London. Requiem, at St Thomas More Church, Seaford on Friday, Feb 19th, at 12.15pm. Enquiries to Seaford Funeral Sevice. Tel: (0323) 893889. Rest in Peace.

HOWE - On February 10th 1988, suddenly, Colin Thomson, aged 58 years, of Kenley, Surrey. Beloved husband of the late Angela and much loved father of Martin, David, Lucy and Robert. Greatly missed by his brother Geoffrey, sadly missed by all friends and colleagues at Kings College Hospital. Funeral to take place on Friday February 19th at 2.15pm at Putney Vale Crematorium. Flowers to Ashton Funeral Service, 140 Alexandra Road, SW19 by 12 noon.

HUDSON - On February 14th, peacefully in the London Clinic after a long illness borne with enormous courage. Verity, 64, of Saffron Walden, Essex. The cremation is to be private but a Thanksgiving Service will be announced later.

JESSEL - On February 14th 1988, Commander Richard Frederick (Dick) Jessel, D.S.O., O.B.E., D.S.C.*, Royal Navy. Knight of the Order of St. Olav (Norway), aged 85, dearly loved husband of the late Winnie Jessel, beloved father of Oliver, Peggy Walford, Toby and Camilla Parsonage, grandfather of thirteen and great grand-father of twelve. Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium, 11.00am, Friday 19th February.

JOHNSON - On February 13th 1988, James Frederick, aged 67 years. Emeritus Registrar, University of Reading. Dearly loved husband of Nella. Funeral Service at Reading Crematorium on Friday February 19th at 10.30am. Floral sprays only please may be sent to A B Walker and Son Limited, 36 Eldon road, Reading. No letters please.

KIDD - On February 4th 1988, Ruth Eva, beloved wife of the late Rev George Harold and dear mother of Edward, Eva Pamela, Rosemary and David. Funeral took place in Wensleydale, North Yorkshire, Thursday February 11th.

LOGAN - On February 11th, Suddenly, at home. Aged 17. Matthew, adored son of Judith and David, and darling brother of Joanna and James. Funeral Service at Eton College Chapel at 12.15pm on Thursday February 18th, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, please. Donations in his memory to 'The Wishing Well Appeal, Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, London WC1, would be appreciated.

McFANN - On February 12th 1988, suddenly, Donald, husband of Joanne and father of Michael, David, Gregory and John. Funeral service at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip on Thursday February 18th at 9.45am (West Chapel). Family flowers only, donations if desired to Save the Children Fund or The National Trust.

PETTOELLO - On Thursday 11th February, unexpectedly but peacefully at home after a long, brave struggle against illness, Laura Pettoello. Service to take place at the Church of the Jesuit Fathers, Farm Street, W1, on Wednesday 17th February at 10am, followed by cremation at Mortlake Crematorium at 11.30 am. All enquiries and flowers to E.E. Ashton & Co, 01 584 0079.

PINNEY - On February 14th, peacfully aged 80, Robert of Peel Forest, Geraldine, New Zealand; beloved husband of Anne and father of Bernard and Philip.

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ROBINSON - On February 13th 1988, at Springham Farm, Eve Lillian, adored wife of Dudley and mother of Mark, Mike, Linda and Lucy. Funeral for immediate family only, at Chiddingly Church on Friday 19th February, at 11.30am followed by cremation. There will be a service of thanksgiving at Chiddingly Church, on Thursday 10th March at 2.30pm. Please no letters.

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THOMPSON - On February 10th, peacefully at his home, in Langton Green, William Latto, aged 67 years, late of B.P. Singapore and Trinity College, Glenalmond, Scotland. Loving husband of Pauline and dear father of David. Cremation on Wednesday 17th February, at 11am, at the Tunbridge Wells Crematorium. Flowers or donations, to Hospice At Home, c/o E R Hickmott & Son, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells.

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Sentenced to 18 months in the stasis field for keeping a forbidden cat, Lister emerges after three million years to find that the crew has perished, Rimmer has returned as a hologram, and the cat has mutated into a finger-popping dude in a pink suit who might pass muster as a Little Richard stand-in.

The above synopsis of the opening episode of a comedy series might not seem calculated to inspire a producer with confidence, and his confidence might wane yet further on finding the script to be a succession of anaemic routines with the occasional nod in the direction of modern American sit-coms.

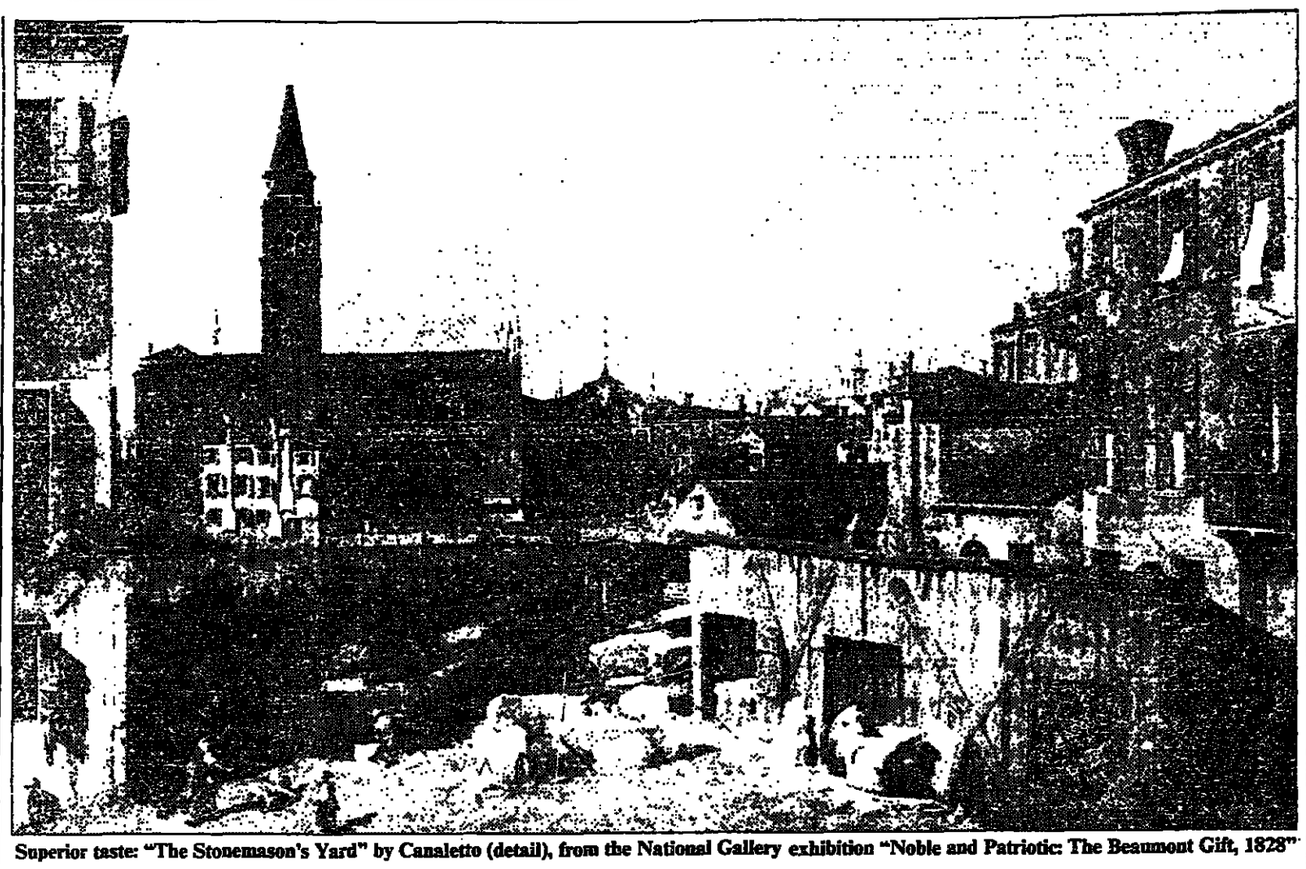
The dialogue is far too pleased with its distinction from *The Hitch-hiker's Guide to the Galaxy* – fringe cabaret instead of 1970s whimsy – to bother with the tiresome business of being effectively comic. And how much sharper the jokes would have to be for American television.

Like the first cuckoo of the letters page, *A Prospect of Rivers* (Channel 4) was the first of four pretty lush evocations of British riverine life, complete with Vivaldi and helicopter shots obbligato. Hopping about from Swale to Dart and beyond, the programme kept returning to the magnificent Severn "with its enormous tides and bores". "There's as much interest there as there is in a pack of cards", a retired water bailiff dutifully affirmed.

The material is opulent, the format messy. After a concerned anorak had condemned the embanking of a Tyne tributary as "this demonic desire to straighten streams", we fidgeted up to a waterfall in Perthshire about which, apparently, there was absolutely nothing to report. These various segments were divided by the curious device of slow-motion watery ripples accompanied by plughole gurgling.

In the absence of a central theme and a linking frontperson, Sian Phillips's ladylike voice-over was stranded on a disembodied sand bank. I had already noted down the presence of pole-fishers on a tributary of the Tay when the pole-wielding gentlemen in question, flexing their mussels, revealed that they were in fact pearl-fishers.

Martin Cropper



Superior taste: "The Stonemason's Yard" by Canaletto (detail), from the National Gallery exhibition "Noble and Patriotic: The Beaumont Gift, 1828"

Collectors' choice

GALLERIES

Douglas Cooper and the Masters of Cubism
Tate Gallery

"Noble and Patriotic": The Beaumont Gift
National Gallery

NY Art Now II
Saatchi Collection

Douglas Cooper had the enviable advantage, rare indeed among art critics and historians, of enough money to buy what he loved and to live with it. Many of the wonders in the last major show he was involved with before his death, the Tate's *Essential Cubism* in 1983, came from his own collection.

Now the Tate has a more modest show, derived entirely from his collection and all of smaller works on paper, which emphasizes the personal connection even in its title. **Douglas Cooper and the Masters of Cubism** (until April 4) constitutes, in its modest way, some kind of a memorial.

Cooper's interest in Cubism – and Cubism in its most rigorous, analytical phase, at that – went back a long way. But he never stopped buying, selling and generally refining his collection (not to mention generously donating works to collections he thought ought to have them, when the mood took him). Also, as with all real collectors, his interests never changed radically, or not in Cubism anyway, but naturally shifted a little.

Perhaps the most constant element throughout his collecting career was Juan Gris, and the 11 works in this show are just a small part of one of the richest collections of Gris that has ever existed. As they are, though, they offer a vivid conspectus of Gris's work, rapidly evolving from the strong, academic "Still-Life with Pitcher" of 1910 to the early Cubist drawings of the same sort of subject, then through increasing abstraction and a return to the more ordered representation of Synthetic Cubism by way of his fascinating analytical copies of Cézanne.

The Braque drawings also are wonderful, and the Légers are powerful enough to make those who can never quite accept Léger as an artist of similar substance think again. Perhaps there is a hint of a letdown in the Picassos, since on the whole the selectors have opted for less substantial works with a direct personal association. There is at least the very important preparatory study for the "Demoiselles d'Avignon".

Despite the title, not all the show is concerned with Cubism: there are also some splendid Klees and a Miró from the Thirties to round out our picture of Cooper's collecting activities. A small show, but one can hardly imagine anything more distinguished of its kind.

At the National Gallery there is a perhaps less distinguished but equally attractive show, devoted to the collecting activities and the generosity of an earlier Maecenas. The man in question, Sir George Beaumont, is probably best known today because one of his own landscapes was the inspiration for Wordsworth's "Elegiac Stanzas", the poem which contains the lines about "the light that never was, on land or sea". To judge from the example – perhaps not the identical view of Peele Castle that Wordsworth was writing about – included in **"Noble and Patriotic"** (until May 3), it would be optimistic to expect any such magical effects in any actual painting by Beaumont.

But then he was a collector, patron and man of culture who dabbled in art himself, rather than an artist with serious ambitions. A highly readable and informative biography by the organizers of the show, Felicity Owen and David Blayney Brown (*Collector of Genius*, Yale, £19.95) tells us the full extent of his activities.

It does not matter too much that more recent scholarship has toned down some of the original attributions among the pictures he first offered to the nation in 1823, thereby triggering the setting up of a proper National Gallery to house them and other such gifts. The "Jew Merchant", which Beaumont believed to be by Rembrandt is now assigned to a follower, but it is still an impressively Rembrandtesque piece, and the grisaille "Lamentation over the Dead Christ" remains as unchallenged as any Rembrandt can hope to be these days.

Three of his Claudes stand up, and only one is now regarded as a copy after a lost original. The Poussin "Landscape with Man Washing his Feet at a Fountain" has had its ups and downs in critical estimation, but is now on balance regarded as an autograph work again, and certainly looks impressive after a recent cleaning. And the Canaletto "Stonemason's Yard" confirms Beaumont's superior taste in the work of this perhaps over-collected painter.

The works in the gift themselves are backed up by a useful small display concerning Beaumont the man, his amateur art, his friendship with Constable and his relations with the great literary figures of his time – not least, of course, Wordsworth. Most of the works in the show are quite familiar – in itself some attestation of Beaumont's lasting importance among the National Gallery's benefactors – but seeing them separated out from the general collection and grouped together in this way does tell us something new not only about Beaumont, but about the taste of his time, its limitations and its triumphs.

The Saatchis could in some respects be regarded as the Maecenas of our own time and place, at least where avant-garde art is concerned. The first part of their showing at their own gallery in Boundary Road of the latest trawl of very up-to-the-minute New York pieces got a fair drubbing from the critics but, nothing daunted, they now continue with **NY Art Now Part II** (until April 16).

This show retains some of the first, but takes out several of the artists originally featured and substitutes six more. If one cannot in all respects share the Saatchis' taste in art, at least one can hardly argue with their evident dedication to the new and their readiness to follow their own taste, making mistakes if need be.

The second contingent is perhaps slightly more impressive than the first. There is still quite a lot of merely modish nonsense, but at least two of the artists, Tishan Hsu and Carroll Dunham, seem to have something going for them. Dunham paints organic-looking abstracts, rather as Kandinsky did around 1912, with strong undertones of subaqueous life-forms; while Hsu makes meticulously crafted abstract painted sculptures which refer, if to anything in our world, to fuse-boxes and the mysterious innards of modern machines.

John Russell Taylor

Rather uneven closing flourish

CONCERTS

RPO/Temirkanov
Royal Festival Hall

Audience numbers and orchestral morale went up with the barometer on Sunday afternoon, and the third and last of Yuri Temirkanov's Stravinsky concerts with the Royal Philharmonic ended with a flourish.

The presence of *The Firebird* helped, of course; though only by investing the best of his rehearsal time and energies in the 1945 Suite could Temirkanov have succeeded as he did. Rhythmic elegance and security of contour acted as deft stage-management behind the flickering detail of the two little Pantomimes. Earlier in the afternoon, in an unnecessarily make-weight set of dances from Glinka's *Russlan and Ludmila*, this had certainly not been the case. The Glinka had been replacing the originally planned Stravinsky "Scherzo à la Russe". It was a pity not to hear it: a pity, too, that this little series had to sell itself by the beautiful central presence of a lollipop piano concerto.

With Tchaikovsky and Schumann behind them, the RPO turned to Grieg, and Dmitri Alexeev found himself with a work which is not, perhaps, exactly his glass of tea. Alexeev, whose perspicacity and poetry in the recital room makes his London visits so eagerly awaited, was less than at ease. He seemed to be approaching the work solely from the environment of the Romantic piano concerto and too little from within the context of Grieg's own musical language.

Phrases were either overpressed or flung away; and just as Alexeev never quite caught the inflexion of Grieg's rhythmic and harmonic language, so Temirkanov ruled uneasily over unsettled tempi relationships, over-sudden darkenings and lightenings of texture. Alexeev and Temirkanov are to record both the Grieg and Schumann concertos.

Hilary Finch

A strong team

Music Projects/ Bernas
Almeida

If this was a slightly disappointing evening, the fault must lie with the choice of music rather than the presentation, which was altogether admirable.

Richard Bernas had, as usual, assembled a strong team of players and encouraged them with close care; he also used the intimate, informal character of the Almeida to drop in unpretentious comments along the way. Eileen Hulse, his soprano soloist, also profited from the ambience: her singing was fresh, lively and unforced.

However, the biggest piece on the programme, Dmitry Smirnov's "The Visions of Coleridge", was not something to sustain a whole concert. For one thing, the title promised much more than the music delivered: this was merely a 20-minute song cycle, using a quatrain from *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner* as motto ("Alone, alone, all, all alone"), centring on a nocturne from *Christabel*, and ending with the poet's epitaph.

The music, for a mixed group of 10 players, is atmospheric but thin, and ends becalmed on diatonic chords; there is a faint touch of Shostakovich in the staring at death. One might have hoped for more and stronger exotic connections from a Russian composer responding to English words – words which he certainly sets with great skill, being well practised. But perhaps a more intense personality will be revealed when we get the chance to hear one of his operatic works after Blake.

This first performance of the Coleridge piece was finely sung by Miss Hulse, who was also heard in Oliver Knussen's bright little Traki study "Trumpets" and Mark Anthony Turnage's "Lament for a Hanging Man", a piece rough, tough and canny enough to get away with making Sylvia Plath sing.

There were also words peeping around the corners of Takemitsu's "Voice" for solo flute, enticingly played, whispered and breathed by Nancy Ruffer. Alex Balanescu joined her for a short, natty bit of conversation in Maderna's "Dialodia" and there was a more raucous duet for clarinets by Walter Zimmermann.

Paul Griffiths

Lucid eloquence

LONDON DEBUTS

The American violinist **Benjamin Hudson**'s concerto début in London at St John's, Smith Square, was a début with a difference. True, there was nothing remarkable about his choice of piece, which was Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto, but he performed it on a period-style instrument with the Hanover Band, a period-style orchestra which seems to have improved beyond recognition since Roy Goodman was appointed its musical director.

Hudson has a reliable if unspectacular technique, and here he spun a line of light transparency, lending a lucid quality to Mendelssohn's lyricism which is often missed by those who play instruments modified according to the conventions of the 20th century. His tempos tended towards the brisk, but that is no bad thing when so many take the Andante at something more akin to an Adagio; and his phrasing breathed eloquence in abundance.

A tape recording has arrived of a Queen Elizabeth Hall début which circumstances forced me to miss. The group concerned is called, slightly unimaginatively, **The Instrumental Quintet of London**, and it is a distinguished ensemble consisting of Susan Milan (flute), Caryl Thomas (harp), and the string trio of Krzysztof Smietana, Graham Oppenheimer and Robert Bailey.

Such a group is obliged to search for imaginative programmes, and this included the première of Robert Walker's *Serenade*, "addressed to someone who isn't there." Though full of impressively idiomatic and immediately attractive writing, the work does ramble a little.

But André Jolivet's beautiful *Chant de Linos* and Roussel's Serenade, Opus 30, framed the concert exquisitely, with Milan and Thomas making some particularly beguiling sounds. There was also a purposeful yet aromatic account of Debussy's Sonata for flute, viola and harp, while Beethoven's String Trio, Opus 9 No 3, and Mozart's D Major Flute Quartet, K285, added a welcome Teutonic flavour.

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Jocelyn Herbert (right) is one of our most admired stage designers. Chris Peachment interviewed her

JULIAN HERBERT



Designer and artist of taste and elegant economy: Jocelyn Herbert pictured at her studio

At least one mark of Jocelyn Herbert's good taste was that until recently she used to drive around town in an Alvis Grey Lady. Alas, she had to get rid of it because a wheel fell off while going through Richmond. It needed about £10,000 spent on it to get it into shape. "I just don't have that kind of money," Miss Herbert confesses. "I have always been lucky enough to work at what interested me, but it has never brought in much money."

Jocelyn Herbert will always be associated with the revolution in drama brought about by George Devine and the Royal Court, and it could be said that her influence on stage design was no less revolutionary. A poverty of means was turned around to a new philosophy, in which one began with a bare stage and then added to it only those elements which were useful and necessary.

"George felt very strongly then that all the scenic clutter had taken over in theatre to the detriment of the acting. We cleared all that out and returned the stage to the text and to the actors."

She has just designed *Timon of Athens*, which opens tonight at the Studio of the Haymarket, Leicester. The task is unlikely to make her very much richer either, but one which at least will allow her to return to her first principles once again, after a necessarily naturalistic set for *J.J. Farr*.

"The only production of *Timon* I have seen before was Peter Brook's at the Bouffes du Nord. He had gutted the theatre, taken out the proscenium and seats. You just perched on benches. For the banquet scene they all sat on the floor among sacks of straw. It was a brilliant production.

"When I read the play there seemed to be a lot of coming and going through doorways, so that is essentially what I have used." The model of her set indicates three or four freestanding doorframes, which can be swivelled or moved around to suggest nooks, crannies, tunnels or other rooms.

"I pondered about whether to use any scenery at all, but perhaps the good people of Leicester might feel they don't get their money's worth, if there isn't anything to look at. We used to do these Sunday night rehearsed readings of new plays at the Royal Court and it was noticeable how very good they were when there was no scenery or costumes.

"So often, you watch actors stiffen up the minute they first get into costumes. I'm giving this lot rather smart grey suits, and they can then add things on top to suggest soldiers or servants or whatever they happen to be playing."

Alongside the work in theatre has been the occasional foray into films, which began on *Tom Jones*, where she was credited as "colour consultant". "We all hated colour in those days. It was Tony Richardson's first colour film and first costume film, so he hired me to help out.

"I soon discovered that what went wrong with so many films, was that the set dressers turned up with standard items all the time. All the country rustics were just kitted up with the standard big skirt and petticoats and mob cap. I wanted something simple in earth colours to contrast with the brightness of the town scenes."

Her most recent film design work was for Lindsay Anderson's *The Whales of August*, starring the 91-year-old Lillian Gish and Bette Davis. This took her to Portland, Maine, a place and people which she enjoyed more than the star tantrums which Bette Davis is still pulling after all these years.

But it is her stage work for which she will be remembered: "I was sitting in the stalls as the curtain went up on my set for the first production of *Serjeant Musgrave's Dance*, and voice behind me said 'Oh God, it's going to be one of *those* plays.' I've always thought that that summed up my career, somehow."

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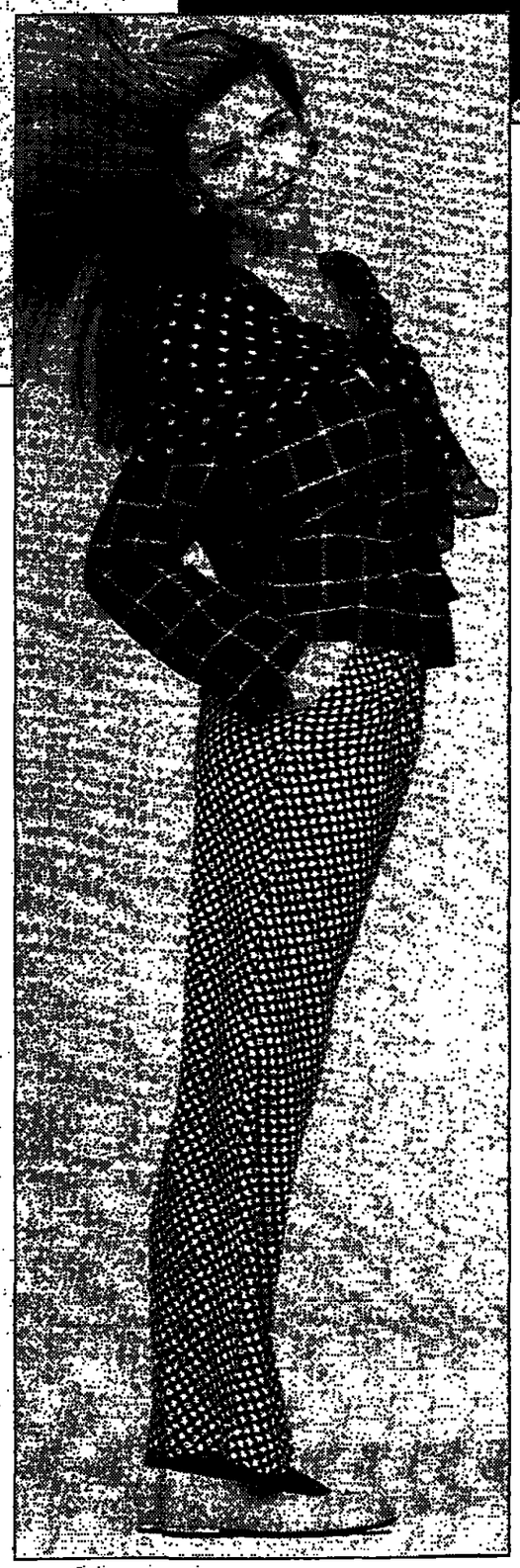
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Flirt with the thrill of a wisp

The season's essential accessory is the fichu – a wisp of chiffon that guarantees instant glamour







The conflict between a woman's need for some straight, workmanlike chic and her newly acquired taste for glamour has been won by a symbolic wisp of silk. The surprising weapon of the New Woman is the chiffon scarf. As it lifts and flutters around the shoulders of her tailored suit, it inspires a revival of forgotten feminine gestures.

She learns to tame it by smoothing and tucking it demurely inside her new, *décolleté* jacket. She allows the generous folds of the shawl collar on her new chiffon blouse to drift and nestle prettily how they will. She lets slither from one shoulder the muffler of silky gauze that she has knotted loosely over an evening camisole or strapless dress. The name of the season's essential fashion accessory is the fichu. And it is the fichu that is about to transform the most strictly suited female back into a flirt.

C. Willett and Phillis Cunnington's *Dictionary of English Costume 900 to 1900* describes the fichu as "a length of usually flimsy material worn around the neck and shoulders", a French term replacing the handkerchief or neckerchief.

The fichu phenomenon marks the end of the sharp shouldered silhouette. It is as though designers, disenchanted with the constrictions of the shoulder pad, have decided to play around with fabric, draping swoops of diaphanous cloth around the neckline and cutting deep swathes across the bodice of a dress.

No one has spelt out the message more clearly than Jean-Paul Gaultier, who simply took his tailored blazer and sliced it off at the top. To his new off-the-shoulder jacket, indeed to a blazer that is now fitted like a "body" or leotard which buttons between the legs, Gaultier has attached a striped or spotted chiffon scarf or fichu.

At the same time as Gaultier was restructuring the blazer, the notion that women no longer wanted to look like a vision of Joan Crawford in the boardroom had fluttered through design studios on both sides of the Atlantic. In London John Galliano came up with the fly-away collar for spring, to go with his fly-away skirts, a look that is based on billowing bias-cut folds of silk and fine wool.

Jasper Conran, known for the more pared-down chic of his tailored designs, has eased up on their sterner detailing. Where there is a Conran tailored jacket there is a chiffon fichu-collared blouse, its fabric allowed to float free around the shoulders or knotted at one side. Conran's crêpe de Chine dresses trail a wave of fabric with long tails that look like the product of a demented pattern cutter brief-ed to make a sailor collar.

Beene, Blass and Lauren in New York all play around with drapes of chiffon. Inevitably it is Christian Lacroix who is given credit for re-inventing the fichu and the new off-the-shoulder *décolletage*. He has even introduced into the international fashion vocabulary a new word for his cross-over collar: the *cache-coeur*. The costume dictionary supplies the most descriptive word for the top part of Lacroix's billowing puff-ball style: "The buffon, or buffont. A large diaphanous neckerchief of gauze swathed round the neck and shoulders and puffed out over the bosom". In his recent couture collection Lacroix also brings back the fresh, embroidered white collar that encircles a Provençal peasant dress, the Bertha.

Balancing the new softness of flower-printed georgette or striped and polka dot chiffon against the checks and pinstripes of structured suits provides an instant lift to your wardrobe. You can invest in a new shawl or fichu-collared blouse in a gossamer fabric, or polish up the knack of folding and draping a diaphanous square or length of chiffon around your shoulders.

Top left: Fichu-collared blouse in navy blue and white striped chiffon, £252; cardigan jacket in navy self-stripe wool gaberdine, £228; extra-short skirt, £100; all Jasper Conran, 37 Beauchamp Place, SW3 and 51 Dawson Street, Dublin; and a selection at Liberty, Regent Street, W1; Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, SW3; Chic of Hampstead, NW3. Navy and white court shoes, £85.50, Russell & Bromley, 24 New Bond Street, W1, and selected branches

Top right: Blazer in navy stretch wool/Lycra, £465, also in white or wine; shirt with mustard and brown spotted georgette scarf collar, £185; in a selection of colours; both Jean-Paul Gaultier at A la Mode, 36 Hans Crescent, SW3

Above: Navy and cream window-pane check collarless cropped jacket, £149; navy and white print silky polyester wide-legged trousers, £69, also in mushroom; both Jaeger, 200-206 Regent Street, W1; and selected branches. Chiffon scarf, £7.99, Marks & Spencer selected branches. Grey pumps, £89.95, Robert Clergerie at The Shoe Shop, 15-17 Brompton Arcade, SW3; Midas Original, 16 Duke Street, Henley-on-Thames

Hair and make-up: Amanda Jackson-Sytner
Photographs by ANTHONY CRICKMAY

The look of his line





Dik Brandsma (top) and printed flannel suit, YSL Variation

What is the etiquette when a designer with strong ideas of his own is invited to create a collection with the stamp and name of a living legend on it? Dik Brandsma, the Dutch-born fashion designer who recently took on the task of creating the Yves Saint Laurent Variation line, obviously has no qualms.

With his second collection for the YSL mass-market label, which he unveiled in London last week and which sells in major stores across the world (Selfridges in London currently stock it and many more British stores will have it from next season), Brandsma spelt out the form. The cut and execution are all his own. The influence, however, is pure Saint Laurent. "There was no brief, no pressure to recreate a Saint Laurent look," Brandsma says.

No parallels can be drawn between Karl Lagerfeld's role in creating the total look for the house of Chanel a decade after Mademoiselle's death, and Brandsma's part in the vigorous and flourishing Saint Laurent empire. Yves Saint Laurent couture and the Rive Gauche ready-to-wear collections are created by the master himself and his team in his Avenue Marceau headquarters.

Brandsma is now installed at the Variation design studios, which are in the Sentier, the centre of the more seamy side of Paris fashion in the *deuxième arrondissement*.

"No cast-off Rive Gauche patterns are smuggled across to me," he teases.

"But I enjoy playing around with Saint Laurent's ideas."

The handsome mop-haired Brandsma, who trained in tailoring in Amsterdam before moving to Paris in 1978 to work as design assistant to Kenzo, came to the notice of Pierre Bergé, president of the Saint Laurent fashion empire, when he established his own label line in 1984.

Brandsma has imposed his own detailing on the new collection. While the curved peplum at the back of a jacket is clearly a Brandsma touch, the overall silhouette is that of a well-loved YSL spencer suit.

The glorious colour mixes (smoke blue with mauve and grey, emerald with pink and orange), the harlequin jacket, the corsair pants, all convey the Saint Laurent signature style. Gedets of orange and scarlet crêpe set in the back of a black dress are a less happy imposition of Brandsma's back-interest detailing than the gathering-in of the back of the waist of a satin-collared black evening suit. Saint Laurent's famous *caban*, or reefer jacket, has been unnecessarily tampered with and cut on a curve at the front.

Printed flannel, as in the suit photographed here, is a favourite of Brandsma's and has been used often in his own collections. For the flannel print in the YSL Variation range, Brandsma has used a laurel wreath and flower pattern taken from a drawing of a jacket dating from the Vienna Secession.

The collection promises to provide many useful classics in the Saint Laurent mould, including long tent coats and a short, straight, fly-fronted raincoat. There are excellent little suits in plain or spotted flannel and sleek gaberdine, as well as the familiar short spencers and longer, collarless tunic jackets in glossy leather. In among the short hemlines are riding skirts, cut to flare out prettily to mid-calf.

PEOPLE

Use a muse

In the six years that Inès de la Fressange has been Karl Lagerfeld's star mannequin at Chanel, she has proved to be more than simply a pretty muse. The impact of Inès racing around Paris wearing her Chanel favourites mixed with a biker's leather jacket, jeans, Lacoste polo shirt and moccasins, has made its mark both on Lagerfeld's own interpretation of the Chanel look each season, as well as bringing more youthful clients back to the couture house.

Sweatshirts and denims, leather and shorts are as likely to appear in a Chanel ready-to-wear collection as a modern version of the classic braid-trimmed Chanel tweed suit. Even Chanel's signature co-respondent black-toed shoes now come as ballerina pumps or moccasins and her quilted bag can be slung on the back as a duffel.

A flash of scarlet tartan in a man's waistcoat, glimpsed under the jacket of her black velvet Chanel couture suit, with a matching tartan cashmere scarf slung over one shoulder was the result of a fast shopping foray into Highland House in Knightsbridge made by Inès last week. A man's blue Highland beret with red and white striped headband was also snapped up. "Coco Chanel would approve, I think," Inès said. "After all, she wore men's clothes borrowed from her boyfriend, the Duke of Westminster. I have always loved that look of mixing men's classics with pretty shirts and jewels."

Inès, who was in London to promote a new line of Chanel eye shadows, still has two years to run of her contract, and, with a hectic year-round promotional itinerary, has reluctantly given up the flat she used to have in Chelsea.



Star attraction: Chanel's best girl, Inès de la Fressange

Top stops for the traveller

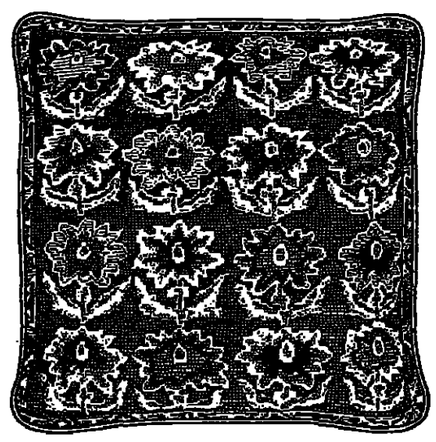
The runaway success of Sophie Mirman's Sock Shops was based on a simple notion: a pair of snag-free tights or stockings, essential to every woman's wardrobe, should be as easy to pick up and buy as a newspaper or a packet of chewing gum. London's busy underground stations, rail terminals, and Heathrow and Gatwick airports were the obvious sites. To say that the idea made passengers pause as they hurried past displays of glamorous bow-trimmed legs is something of an understatement. In less than five years, Sock Shop has grabbed a sizeable chunk of the hosiery market and its turnover doubled last year.

The latest lure to stop fast-paced customers in their tracks are prices on their own brand lines that will snag the competition. For example, Sock Shop's ultra-fine 10 denier tights, which come in two sizes, sell at £1.25, with rival brands' sheers priced at £1.50. Sock Shop's City Slick, the new sheer 15 denier plain tights or stockings, can be bought for £1.75 and £1.50 respectively.

Lycra, the magic ingredient which prevents that embarrassing sag to which even luxury tights may succumb, will be introduced this autumn, if Mirman and her husband and partner, Richard Ross, can bring the cost of the sleek end product more into line with their price policy.

More than 40 branches of Sock Shop are now open. This month and next new branches will open in Cardiff, Shrewsbury, York and in Carnaby Street in London. After that, another is planned for Oxford Street, and a second for Gatwick.

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KAFFE FASSETT



Featured in his bestselling book *Glorious Needlepoint* this lovely design by Kaffe Fassett is based on the patterns found on a Middle Eastern shoulder bag. The rows of flowers and the border are in soft shades of marine blue, terracotta, nut browns, pink, fuscia, ivory and lilac with the flowers' stems and leaves stitched in a mixture of pale mint and silvery green. This rich blend of colour is set on a pale khaki background. Kaffe Fassett's colouring is famous and in this new tapestry he mixes the fifteen shades with wonderful subtlety.

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☆ **HAPGOOD:** New Tom Stoppard play on way to West End. Spies, physics and misunderstandings: with Nigel Hawthorne, Roger Rees, Felicity Kendal, Ian Glen.
Wimbledon Theatre, The Broadway SW19 (01-540 0362). Tube: Wimbledon. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats sats 3pm, £6.50-£9.

☆ **LOW LEVEL PANIC:** The sexual fantasies of three women as they prepare for their Saturday night out. Directed by Nancy Meckler for Women's Playhouse Trust.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square SW1 (0-730 2554). Tube: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £4-£6.

☆ **ON THE BLACK HILL:** Dramatization of Bruce Chatwin novel spanning four generations on a Welsh Border farm.
Watermans Arts Centre, 40 High Street, Brentford, Middlesex (01-568 1176). Mon-Sat £4.50.

☆ **THE RINK:** Kander and Ebb musical set in a roller skating rink with Josephine Blake and Diane Langton as mother and daughter at odds about its future.
Cambridge Theatre, Earlham Street WC2 (01-379 5299). Tube: Covent Garden. In preview tonight 7-9.25pm, £7-£17.50. Opens tomorrow, 7.45-10.10pm, £8-£19.50.

☆ **SEPARATION:** Dazzling performances by David Suchet and Saskia Reeves as playwright and actress
Comedy Theatre, Panton Street SW1 (01-930 2578). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thurs 8-10.15pm, Fri and Sat 6-8.15pm and 8.45-11pm, £4-£13.50. (D)

WORD-WATCHING
Answers from page 20

IGNOSCENCY
(c) A forgiving nature, from the Latin *ignoscere* to forgive.

MACARONIC
(a) A burlesque mixture of Latin and non-Latin words, as in *omnium gatherum*; coined by Teofilo Folengo, "Merlinus Cocaius", from the pasta in *Liber Macaronices* in 1517.

KELLY POOL
(b) A kind of Pool, named after some forgotten Irish cue-pusher, in which, while playing on the object balls in numerical order, you try to pocket the ball with the number you have drawn.

PAS D'ANE
(a) A ring-shaped guard for the forefinger on the hilt of a sword.

☆ **SHIRLEY VALENTINE:** New Willy Russell play: outstanding performance by Pauline Collins as the downtrodden housewife tempted by a Greek Island.
Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9987). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Sat 7.30-9.45pm, mat Wed 2.30-4.45pm, £6-£13.50.

☆ **YOU NEVER CAN TELL:** Toby Robertson's starry Shaw, with Michael Hordern, Irene Worth and Michael Denison.
Haymarket Theatre, Haymarket, SW1 (01-930 9832). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, mats Wed and Sat 3-6pm. £7.50-£14.50.

OUT OF TOWN

LEICESTER: ☆ **Timon of Athens:** Guy Williams plays the misanthrope in welcome production of rare Shakespeare.
Haymarket Theatre, Belgrave Gate (0533 439797). Mon-Thurs 7.45pm, Fri and Sat 8.15pm, £3.50.

SHEFFIELD: ☆ **The Park:** Fascinating play by *wunderkind* Botho Strauss: Oberon and Titania return to the modern world where money and class mean more than love and beauty.
Crucible Theatre, Norfolk Street (0742 769922). Mon-Fri 7.30, Sat 9pm, £4-£6.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: ☆ **Carrie:** Production of Stephen King shocker set to music.
Royal Shakespeare Theatre (0789 295623), Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £5-£17.50

FILMS

A Also on national release
B Advance booking possible

DEAD OF WINTER (15): Tautly controlled suspense drama. Struggling actress is lured to a country estate for a film audition (100 min).
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.30, 6.15, 9.20.

FOUR ADVENTURES OF REINETTE AND MIRABELLE (U): Four improvised episodes in the lives of two girls, one urban, one rural. (95 min).
Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 2.25, 4.30, 6.40, 8.50.

HAIL, HAIL ROCK'N'ROLL (PG): Documentary tribute to Chuck Berry (121 min).
Empire Leicester Square (01-437 1234). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.
Camden Plaza (01-485 2443). Progs 1.10, 3.35, 6.05, 8.55.

LITTLE DORRIT (U): Worthy and painstaking Dickens adaptation in two three-hour parts with newcomer Sarah Pickering as the daughter born in a debtor's prison (180 min).
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs Part 1: Fri, Sat, Sun, Tue, Thur 3.30, Fri, Mon, Wed 7.15. Part 2: Mon, Wed 2.30, Sat, Sun, Tue, Thur 7.15.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-586 3057). Progs Part 2: Sun 3.30, 7.25. Mon-Thur 2.30-7.25.
Curzon Phoenix (01-240 9661). Progs Part 1: Mon, Wed 12.30, Fri, Sat, Sun, Tue, Thur 4.00, Fri, Mon, Wed 7.30. Part 2: Fri, Sat, Tue, Thur 12.30, Mon, Wed 4.00: Sat, Sun, Tue, Thur 7.30.

B THE LOST BOYS (15): Adolescent vampire teenagers (97 min).
Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 2.05, 4.15, 6.25, 8.40, 11.15.

NADINE (PG): Jeff Bridges and Kim Basinger as a Texan couple primed for divorce but drawn together by a suspicious killing (83 min).
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.40, 4.35, 6.35, 8.35.
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0613). Progs 2.10, 4.10, 6.10, 8.15, 10.10.

NUTS (18): High Society whore Claudia Draper kills a client in self-defence. Is she sane enough to stand trial? With Barbra Streisand and Richard Dreyfuss (116 mins).
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.10, 9.15.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279). Progs 12.50, 3.15, 5.40, 8.25.

B ROBOCOP (18): Violent, cold-blooded fantasy set in Detroit, with Peter Weller as the police officer reconstituted as an indestructible robot (103 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.25, 5.55, 8.35.
Notting Hill Coronet (01-727 6705). Progs 9.00.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Progs 1.30, 3.55, 6.20, 8.45. **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01-722 5905). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.20, 8.40.
Odeon High Street Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 12.55, 3.25, 5.55, 8.30.
Leicester Square Theatre (01-930 5252). Progs 11.10, 1.35, 4.00, 6.40, 9.30, 12.00.

TERMINUS (15): Science fiction thriller in which the heroine (Karen Allen) is trying to reach the Terminus, with evil government forces and a nasty doctor in hot pursuit (110 mins).
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 2.10, 4.15, 6.25, 8.30.

B WHITE MISCHIEF (18): Glossy account of cuckoldry and murder among Kenya's "Happy Valley" set in the 40's, with Greta Scacchi, Joss Ackland, Charles Dance. Michael Radford directs (105 min).
Curzon West End (01-439 4805). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40.



JULIAN HERBERT

A merry wife at Windsor

Susannah York finds herself not only bound in chains but also dancing a tango in her latest play, which opens tonight at the Theatre Royal, Windsor. *Lyric for a Tango* offers a chance to extend our knowledge of Argentine culture, which for most people in Britain is confined to the stories of Borges, a handful of films and the tango itself. The play, by Argentine novelist Esther Vilar, is described as a psychological thriller and, as is often the case with such plays, the management is rather cagey as to the exact plot, and even the number of characters. However, they do go as far as to admit that Susannah York and Rosalind Bennett play the wife and mistress of a man dead before the curtain goes up. The mistress (Bennett) lives in a tumble-down shack built on stilts over the Parana River, and circumstances bring the wife (York) up from Buenos Aires to settle their unfinished business. The music for the tango, which is danced by the two women at a crucial moment in their encounter, is composed by Anthea Gomez, and the production is by Sue Wilson. The play runs at the Theatre Royal for three weeks, and after a week at Brighton and a week at Bath, opens in the West End. Theatre Royal, Thames Street, Windsor (0753-853888). Mon-Sat 8pm, Mats Thur 2.30pm, Sat 4.45pm. £2.50-£12.

Jeremy Kingston

JAZZ

☆ **COURTNEY PINE:** His recent London show, though carefully staged, quickly became an exercise in Coltranesque pyrotechnics. Vibraphonist Orphy Robinson provides much-needed tonal contrast.
Hexagon Theatre, Queen's Walk, Reading (0734 591591) 8pm. £6-£7.

☆ **SPIRIT LEVEL:** Quartet featuring saxophonist Paul Dunmall, joined tonight by trumpeter Henry Lowther.
Corner House, Heaton Road, Newcastle (091-265 9602) 8pm. £3.50.

☆ **BARNEY KESSEL:** One of the smoothest of modern guitarists, at the head of his trio.
100 Club, Oxford Street, London W1 (01-636 0933) 7.30pm, £4.

☆ **HARRY EDISON:** "Sweets" to his fans, the trumpeter has worked with Basie, Sinatra, and many others.
The Stage Door, Aberdeen Walk, Scarborough (0723 378843) 8.30pm, £5.

☆ **STEVE BERRY:** The bassist leads a probing contemporary trio.
Four Bars Inn, Castle Street, Cardiff (0222 374962) 8.30pm, £3.50.

ROCK

★ **ELKIE BROOKS:** Topping the bill at a gala celebration in "music, film and words" of the 100th anniversary of the Football League. Also featuring Rick Wakeman.
Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-589 8212) 7.30pm, £9-£25.

☆ **ROBYN HITCHCOCK:** The former Soft Boy is on the road and on A&M Records with his new, typically eccentric album *Globe Of Frogs*.
Zap Club, King's Road, Brighton (0273 727880) 8.30pm, £2.50-£3.

☆ **THE ALARM:** The Welsh post-punk veterans of the Miles Copeland stable have refined their songwriting and performing techniques and taken to emphasizing their Celtic roots.
Powerhouse, Hurst Street, Birmingham (021-643 4715) 7.30pm. £5-£6.

☆ **THE WOODENTOPS:** Artful Indie-rock from the south London quintet, touring for the first time with ex-Communards fiddler Ann Stephenson on board.
Rock City, 8 Talbot Street, Nottingham (0602 412544) 8pm, £4.

OPERA

☆ **JENUFA:** Revival of the Royal Opera's outstanding production by Yuri Lyubimov, with Ashley Putman and Eva Randova recreating their powerful portrayals of Jenufa and Kostelnicka.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066). 7.30-10.15pm, £1-£30.

☆ **BITTER SWEET:** Ian Judge's new production of Noël Coward's classic, soon to open in London, with cast including Valerie Masterson, Ann Mackay and Gordon Sandison.
Theatre Royal, Plymouth (0752 6695951). 7.30-10pm, £6-£8.50.

☆ **CARMEN:** Opera 80's new production in English, with Kate McCarney and David Owen leading the young touring cast, and Sian Edwards conducting.
Northcott Theatre, Exeter, Devon (0392 54853). 7.30-10.30pm, £6.50-£9.50.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **FOU TS'ONG:** The "Two by Two" lunchtime series continues with Fou Ts'ong performing Debussy's three *Estampes* and Chopin's Ballades Nos 1-4.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 1.10-1.55pm, £3.

EVENING

☆ **ALL BEETHOVEN:** See caption.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-7.45pm, £4-£9.



Peter Donohoe (above) joins the London Soloist's Chamber Orchestra at the Queen Elizabeth Hall for its continuation of the Beethoven concerto series tonight under David Josefowitz (see listing). Donohoe solos in the Piano Concerto No 1 in C major of 1795, actually begun later than the second. The *Ruins of Athens* Overture also appears in the programme, written for Kotzebue's drama in 1811. The Symphony No 1 and *Choral Fantasia*, sung by the Pro Musica Chorus of London, complete the concert.

☆ **MAY MUSIC:** This month's Law Society recital is given by Marius May and Imogen Cooper, who offer cello and piano sonatas by Beethoven (Op5 No2), Mendelssohn (Op58) and Debussy.
Law Society Common Room, 113 Chancery Lane, London WC2 (01-242 1222), 6.30pm, £5.

☆ **FROM ELSEWHERE:** The Lontano ensemble end the "Songs from Another Land" series with "USA Uptown/Downtown", which includes Cage's *Wonderful Widow*, Elliott Carter's *Mirror On Which To Dwell*, Dillon's *Sgothen* and the European première of a Trio by Lou Harrison.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061). 7.30pm, £3.50.

☆ **CHANDOS CHOICE:** The Chandos Baroque Players, with Nancy Argenta (soprano) and Michael Chance (counter tenor), perform cantatas and chamber music by Scarlatti and G F Handel.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £3-£6.

☆ **MICHAEL BLACKMORE:** This pianist juxtaposes Schubert's *Klavierstücke* D946, a large Liszt group and Shostakovich's Sonata No 1.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30pm, £2.50-£4.50.

☆ **CLASSICAL POPS:** Grieg's *Peer Gynt* Suite No 1, Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No 1 (Philip Fowke, soloist) and Dvořák's Symphony No 9 "New World" are played by the RPO under Nicholas Cleobury.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891), 7.45-9.45pm, £5-£14.

☆ **MUTTER TWICE:** Anne-Sophie Mutter solos with the Philharmonia Orchestra in violin concertos by Stravinsky and Mozart (K219). Fore and aft: Haydn's Symphony No 78 and Bartók's *Music for Strings, Percussion and Celeste*. Paul Sacher conducts.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.35pm, £2-£16.

DANCE

THE SLEEPING BEAUTY: Peter Wright's production for Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet.
Empire Theatre, Lime Street, Liverpool (051-709 1555), 7.30-10.30pm, £2.50-£13.

☆ **MATT HAUXWELL:** Presents a work about fantasies too embarrassing to be indulged.
The Place, Dukes Road, London WC1 (01-387 0031), 8.30-9.30pm, £5.

GALLERIES

LAL HITCHCOCK: Finely detailed etchings and surreal sculpture, plus recent portraits and interiors by photo-journalist George Wright.
Crewe and Alsager College of Higher Education, Alsager, Cheshire (0270 882500) until March 23. Mon-Fri 9-5pm. Free.

PRINTING IS EASY: Five exhibitions illustrating techniques.
Chapter Arts Centre, Market Road, Canton, Cardiff (0222 396061) until March 6. Tues-Sun 12-5pm and 7-10pm. Free.

TONY PIKE: Colourful, "hard-edge" abstract inspired by landscape.
Grabowski Gallery Two, 84 Sloane Avenue, London SW3 (01-589 4627) until March 27. Mon-Sat 11am-11pm. Free.

FIVE FIGURATIVE SCULPTORS: Small, domestic works by John Fox, Claire Robins, Mark Selby, Hytton Stockwell and Joshua Thomas.
Lamont Gallery, 65 Roman Road, London E2 (01-981 6332) until Feb 27. Tues-Sat 11-6pm. Free.

EILEEN COOPER: Boldly colourful, warm paintings of women and motherhood based on the artist's own experiences.
Benjamin Rhodes Gallery, 4 New Burlington Place, London W1 (01-434 1768) until March 12. Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, Sat 10.30-1.30pm. Free.

LUCIAN FREUD: 100 paintings selected from 40 years work.
Hayward Gallery, South Bank, London SE1 (01-261 0127) until April 7. Mon-Wed 10-8pm, Thurs-Sat 10-6pm, Sun 12-6pm. £3.

EDWARD GAGE: Paintings, drawings and watercolours by the distinguished teacher and art critic.
The Scottish Gallery, 94 George Street, Edinburgh (031-225 5955) until March 2. Mon-Fri 9-5.30pm, Sat 9.30-2pm. Free.

WALKS

HIDDEN INTERIORS OF BYGONE LONDON: meet Temple tube. 11am, £3 (and next Tue).

JEWISH GHETTO ALLEYS AND OLD COCKNEY QUARTER: meet Whitechapel tube, 11am, £3.

INNS OF COURT – ENGLAND'S LEGAL HERITAGE: meet Chancery Lane tube, 11am, £2.50.

BELGRAVIA – UPSTAIRS AND DOWNSTAIRS: meet Sloane Square tube, 2pm, £2.50.

PANCAKE DAY PUB WALK: meet Museum of London, 7.15pm, £3.

TALKS

EMERGENCY HELICOPTER: One day symposium on the use of the helicopter in emergency medical services.
The Royal Aeronautical Society, 4 Hamilton Place, London W1 (01-499 3515), 10am. £80.50 (members), £150 (non-members).

NUFFIELD MEMORIAL: The Viscount Nuffield Memorial Paper is given by Sir David Nicolson on the re-generation of British industry.
Institution of Production Engineers, Rochester House, 66 Little Ealing Lane, London W5 (01-579 9411), 6.30pm. Free.

OTHER EVENTS

LONDON ANTIQUE DEALERS FAIR: Opening day of the bi-annual fair: pre-1830 furniture, pre-1860 for most other items (porcelain, silver, paintings and jewellery).
The Cafe Royal, Regent Street, London W1, (01-437 9090) until Sunday. Today 2pm-8pm, tomorrow to Saturday 11am-8pm, Sun 11am-6pm. Admission £3.

SHROVETIDE FAIR AND PANCAKE RACE: The fair dates back several hundred years, but the pancake race is a recent addition. Heats for the race, open to all ladies over 18, at 11.20am; fancy dress judging, also for men, at 11.30am. Final race 12.15pm. Opens at noon.
Market Square, Lichfield, Staffordshire (Further information: 0543-252109).

BILL TIDY CARTOONS: Last week in which to see this exhibition.
Castle Museum, Nottingham, (0602-483504) until Sunday. Daily, 10am-4.45pm. Free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

OPERA IN FOCUS: English National Opera workshops on Janáček (April 30), *Xerxes* (May 21), *The Magic Flute* (May 28), and *Tannhäuser* (June 4).
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 0111).

LFC CATHEDRAL CLASSICS: Summer season of music in cathedrals includes visits to Ripon, St Albans, St Pauls, Oxford, Rochester, Exeter, Peterborough, and Leicester. May-July.
London Festival Orchestra, PO Box 287, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6BD.

LAST CHANCE

WALLY BEASTIES: Small exhibition of ceramic animals, showing part of the museum's collection normally not seen by the public, ranging from 6th century terracotta horse and rider to late 20th century sheep dog.
Art Gallery and Museum, Kelvingrove, Glasgow (041-357 3929). Ends Sunday.

SIX YOUNG FRENCH ARTISTS: The latest from Paris, including works by Christophe Boutin and Robert Combas.
Mayor Rowan Gallery, 31A Bruton Place, London W1 (01-499 3011). Ends Saturday.

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

TOP 10 UK SINGLES

1	(2)	I Should Be So Lucky	Kylie Minogue, *PWL*
2	(1)	I Think We're Alone Now	Tiffany, *MCA*
3	(4)	Tell It To My Heart	Taylor Dayne, *Arista*
4	(8)	Get Outta My Dreams	Billy Ocean, *Jive*
5	(–)	Beat Dis	Bomb The Bass, *Mister Ron/RK*
6	(3)	When Will I Be Famous	Bros, *CBS*
7	(5)	Candle In The Wind	Elton John, *Rocket*
8	(10)	Say It Again	Jermaine Stewart, *10 Records*
9	(15)	Valentine	T'Pau, *Siren*
10	(7)	Shake Your Love	Debbie Gibson, *Atlantic*

TOP 10 UK ALBUMS

1	(1)	Introducing The Hardline According To	Terence Trent D'Arby, *CBS*
2	(4)	Bridge Of Spies	T'Pau, *Siren*
3	(3)	Christians	Christians, *Island*
4	(6)	Popped In Souled Out	Wet Wet Wet, *Precious Organization*
5	(7)	Turn Back The Clock	Johnny Hates Jazz, *Virgin*
6	(17)	Whenever You Need Somebody	Rick Astley, *RCA*
7	(5)	Come Into My Life	Joyce Sims, *Fern*
8	(8)	Blow Up Your Video	AC/DC, *Atlantic*
9	(10)	Bad	Michael Jackson, *Epic*
10	(20)	Pet Shop Boys, Actually	Pet Shop Boys, *Parlophone*

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ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 638 8891/628 8795. Tom't 7.45 **ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA** Nicholas Cleobury (cond) Philip Fowke (piano).

EXHIBITIONS

EMPERORS TERRACOTTA WARRIORS. Royal Horticultural Societies Old Hall, Vincent Square, SW1. £4.50. Adults. £3 child. 09 30 - 21 00 except Tuesday 09.30 - 18.00. W/E 10 00 - 21 00. December 14th - Feb 20th. Tel: 01-828 2768.

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258. **ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA.** Tomor 7.30 *Madam Butterfly.* Thu 7.30 *Orpheus in the Underworld.*

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911. Stdby info 836 6903. S CC 65 amphi seats avail on the day.
Ton't 7.30 **THE ROYAL OPERA** Jenufa. Tomor 7.30 **THE ROYAL BALLET** The Sons of Horus/Symphonic Variations/ La Fin du jour. Ballet casting info 01 240 9815.

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.35 *Edgar Kennedy* in Mother-in-Law's Day (b/w). **6.55 Weather**
7.00 Breakfast Time with Jeremy Paxman and Kirsty Wark. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; and weather at **7.25, 7.56** and **8.25.**
8.30 Laverne and Shirley. American comedy series **8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather followed by **Open Air.** Eamonn Holmes receives viewers' comments on yesterday's television programmes. To take part ring 061-314 0424.
10.00 News and weather followed by **Going for Gold** (r). **10.25 Children's BBC.** Andy Crane with programme news and birthday greetings followed by **Play School** (r), and **The Wombles** (r).
10.55 Five to Eleven. A reading by Patricia Routledge **11.00 News** and weather followed by **Open Air.** Pattie Coldwell and Eamonn Holmes introduce television programme makers to their critics.
12.00 *News and* weather followed by **Olympic Report.** Steve Rider with the latest news from Calgary. The sports include ice-hockey and the downhill section of the men's combined event **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather
1.30 Neighbours. Dan has wife trouble after his date with Helen **1.50 Going for Gold.** General knowledge quiz presented by Henry Kelly. **2.15 Knots Landing.** Gary begins to be suspicious of Cathy.
3.00 "Children in Need" Says Thank You. Joanna Lumley introduces a number of the children who have benefitted from viewers' generosity **3.25 The Clothes Show** includes an item on hair colouring
3.50 *Henry's Cat* (r). **4.00 Philomena** (r). **4.10 Laurel and Hardy** (r). **4.15 Jackanory.** Bernard Cribbins with part two of Anthony Smith's *Which Animal Are You?* **4.25 Yogi Bear** (r). **4.30 The Really Wild Show.** Nature series
5.00 Newsround 5.10 Grange Hill. Episode 13 (of 20). (Ceefax) **5.35 Neighbours** (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather. **6.25 London Plus.**
7.00 Holiday 88. Robert Kilroy-Silk takes a flotilla holiday round Yugoslavia's Dalmatian islands; Kathy Tayler goes skiing in the United States's Rocky Mountains; and Frank Bough spends a weekend learning to cook in a medieval country house near Bath. (Ceefax)
7.30 EastEnders. Kenny, feeling the effects of the night before, is determined to sort out the family's problems and face up to his responsibilities. (Ceefax)
8.00 A Question of Sport presented by David Coleman. This week Emlyn Hughes and Bill Beaumont are joined by Bleddyn Bowen, Gary Stevens, Colin Jackson and Lucinda Green. (Ceefax)
8.30 Wildlife on One: The Ravening Hordes. A documentary about animals that attack crops in huge numbers. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Debbie Thrower. Regional news and weather.
9.30 The Play on One: A Wholly Healthy Glasgow, by Iain Heggie. A prize-winning play about how the arrival of a young, fresh-faced and keen gym instructor upsets the status quo in a seedy Glasgow back-street health club. Starring Tom Watson, Gerard Kelly and Paul Higgins. (Ceefax)
10.45 All on a Mardi Gras Day continued from BBC2.
12.10am Weather.

BBC2

6.55 Open University: Technology — Eureekaaargh! Ends at **7.20.**
9.00 Ceefax.
9.20 Daytime on Two: The technical and vocational education initiave **9.52** Tudor ships and seamen **10.15** Part six of a serial about pigeon racing **10.38** Young technologists tackle a problem faced by Brunel **11.00** A trip down a coal mine and a look at some fossils **11.18** Children and computers **11.35** The first programme in a series about fighting racism **11.55** A teacher's programme on the opportunities of GCSE **12.20** Italian version of last week's profile of the Mayor of Montemilone **12.50** Lesson five of a 15-part Spanish for beginners course **1.20** For the *young* **1.38** *Wizards of Wales* **2.00 News** and weather followed by a series for four- and five-year olds.
2.15 See Hear (r).
2.40 Seabrook Down Under. In this second of his series on the gardens of New Zealand Peter Seabrook visits the Rhododendron Trust at Pukeiti near Plymouth on North Island
3.00 News and weather followed by **Olympic Match of the Day.** Steve Rider introduces highlights from the Olympic ice hockey championship.
3.50 News, regional news and weather.
4.00 Catchword. Word game
4.30 Best of Brass introduced by Gerald Harrison. Featured in this last concert are the Desford Colliery Dowty Band; the Foden OTS Band; the Ever Ready Band; the Lewis Merthyr (Cardiff Lift Co) Band and the CWS (Glasgow) Band.
5.00 Gardeners' World. Geoff Hamilton and Roy Lancaster meet Dr Jimmy Smart who has been building Marwood Hill Gardens in north Devon for the past quarter of a century (r).
5.30 Olympic Grandstand. The latest news from Calgary presented by Desmond Lynam. This evening's featured sports are Ice Hockey, the women's luge and Alpine skiing.
7.30 Telejournal with Carlos Riera and Corina Poore. The news in

Susan Griggs



***All on a Mardi Gras Day* (BBC2, 8.00pm, then on BBC1, 10.45pm)**

Spanish from both sides of the Atlantic and highlights of *America*, a current affairs and arts magazine programme for Hispanic speakers in the United States and Latin America.
8.00 All on a Mardi Gras Day. A live four hour spectacular from the world's three greatest Mardi Gras carnivals — New Orleans, Trinidad and Rio de Janeiro. From Canal Street, New Orleans, John Walters and Tom Watt introduce the parading "Krewes", the funeral bands, the finals of the spectacular New Orleans Drag Queen Ball contest and a 20 minute jam session from the Toulouse Cafe in the French Quarter. In Trinidad, Darcus Howe introduces the huge steel bands orchestras competing for the Carnival Crown and legends in the field of calypso singing. In Rio de Janeiro Edouard Condé visits the samba schools as they prepare for the big night. The transmissions are interspersed with contemporary and archive film connected with the history of the Mardi Gras (continues on BBC1).
10.45 Newsnight 11.30 Weather.
11.35 Olympic Report introduced by Desmond Lynam
12.10am Open University: The MacKenzie Story. Ends at **12.40.**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with cartoons and a comedy series then, at **7.00,** part one of **Good Morning Britain** introduced by Richard Keys. In part two, at **8.00,** Keys is joined by Mike Morris.
9.25 Thames news.
9.30 Give Us a Clue. Celebrity charades presented by Michael Parkinson. **10.00 Santa Barbara 10.25 News** headlines.
10.30 The Time. . The Place. . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject **11.10 Rainbow.** Learning with puppets **11.25 Thames news** headlines.
11.30 About Britain. Reminiscences from the people of Draperstown in County Londonderry **12.00 Gas Street.** Musi and chat show presented by Vince Hill.
12.30 News with Julia Somerville **12.50 Thames news.**
1.00 Chain Letters. Word association game presented by Jeremy Beadle **1.30 Quincy.** The police pathologist comes to the aid of his hard-pressed colleagues who are the subject of media pressure about police brutality. Starring Jack Klugman (r).
2.30 The Treatment. Josephine Buchan with news of how doctors at Great Ormond Srreet Hospital in London are tackling the problem of childhood eczema **3.00 The Write Stuff.** The first of a new series on books and authors presented by Henry Kelly **3.25 Thames news** headlines **3.30 The Young Doctors.**
4.00 Rainbow. A repeat of the programme shown at 11.10 **4.15 Tower** (r). **4.25 Turn on to T-Bag** with Elizabeth Estensen **4.50 Do It.** The first of a new children's series. (Oracle)
5.15 Connections. General knowledge quiz game presented by Sue Robbie.
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart **6.00 Thames news** followed by **Crimestoppers.**
6.25 Help with what Clause 28 of the Local Government Bill will mean to the arts and education.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Roxy — The Network Chart Show. Among those appearing are Was Not Was and Jermaine Stewart.
7.30 Reporting London looks at some long-distance commuters to the capital
8.00 Minder: Rocky Eight and a Half. When Arthur learns that there is money to be made in staging pirate boxing bouts he tries to persuade Terry to return to the ring (r).
9.00 Shelley. Comedy series starring Hywel Bennett as an indolent graduate (r).
9.30 That's Love. Jimmy Mulville and Diana Hardcastle star in this comedy series about a marriage. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Carol Barnes **10.30 Thames news.**
10.35 Inside the Bank of England. (see Choice)
11.35 Cockney Snooker Classic. The semifinals of the Mecca Bookmakers Trophy.
12.35am Test Match Cricket. New Zealand v England in Christchurch.
1.05 Kojak. The policeman investigates the deaths of several dockers. Followed by **News** headlines.
2.00 The New Hampshire Primary. The results of the latest round in the race to the White House.
2.30 Film: Death Stalk (1975) starring Vince Edwards. A made-for-television thriller about a group of escaped convicts who make off with the wives of two men who are on a raft trip. Directed by Robert Day.
4.00 News headlines followed by **Three's Company.** Comedy series.
4.30 Nashville Swing featuring Stella Parton.
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools
12.00 Business Daily.
12.30 Just 4 Fun. Three programmes for the young.
1.00 Jobsearch. In this first of five programmes about looking for jobs Brian Thompson, a former personnel officer who was made redundant, teaches 10 people how to reply to the interviewer's stock question "tell me about yourself". (Oracle)
1.30 Write On. Programme six of the ten-part Open College series about improving writing skills. Today, advice on how to describe emotions (r). (Oracle)
2.00 The Parliament Programme introduced by Glyn Mathis.
2.30 Film: Nine Men (1943, b/w) starring Jack Lambert and Gordon Jackson. Second World War *drama about a group of British* soldiers, separated from their battalion, who are stranded in the Libyan desert. Directed by Harry Watt.
3.45 Years Ahead. Magazine series for the older viewer, presented by Robert Dougall. This 150th edition features clips from the programme's five-year history, including film about a woman who helped to organise a network of women's information groups in Ulster; an interview with Sir Harry Mortimer; and a performance by the Desford Youth Band.
4.30 Fifteen-to-One.
5.00 Bewitched. Vintage American comedy series starring Elizabeth Montgomery and Dick Sargent.
5.30 Superchamps. The third programme in the seven-part series of contests in land and water sport skills for eight- to 13-year-old boys and girls. Featuring buggies, two and four-wheeled all-terrain vehicles, mini motorcycles, jetskis, mini powerboats and hovercraft. Presented by Gary Crowley.
6.00 Drums of Asia. The final part of the three-programme series in which Danish film director Erik Frohn Nielsen updates a film made in the late 1920s by his fellow countryman Henning Haslund Christensen portraying the life of the Mongol people.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nik Gowing.
7.50 Comment from Keith Goodall on the subject of war criminals. Weather.
8.00 Brookside. Harry's chance to impress Parkison with his organizational skills is thwarted by the death of the club's entertainment and concert secretary; and Paul visits the nursing home to check on Mona's allegations and believes the matron who tells him that Mona is being well looked after. (Oracle)
8.30 4 What It's Worth. In this week's edition of the consumer magazine series John Stoneborough discovers that despite the wide publicity many retailers are selling foam *furniture that is so dangerous* that is already banned by existing laws; Bill Breckon finds out why only two-and-half per cent of British garages are selling unleaded petrol; and David Stafford has Which? magazine's annual report on the reliability of domestic electrical appliances.
9.00 Film: Comeback (1983) starring Michael Landon and Priscilla Presley. Romantic adventure, based on fact, about an Australian photo-journalist who rescued his Laotian fiancée from the Pathet Lao in 1978. Directed by Hall Bartlet.
10.50 Don't Miss Wax. Escape is the theme of this week's programme and Ruby Wax meets a shepherd, a group of people who believe Christ came from Venus, the champagne set and an enclosed order of nuns.
11.35 Sumo. The fourth of eight programmes of highlights of the Grand September Sumo Tournament from the Ryogoku Kokugikan in Tokyo.
12.20am Running Late. A new discussion series on sport presented by Donald Trelford. *His guests include Melvyn Bragg.*
1.20 The Confessions of Felix Krull: Confidence Man. Episode one of a five-part film version of Thomas Mann's novel set in Europe's *Belle Epoque.* Directed by Bernhard Sinkel (r). Ends at **2.20.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 News followed by Neighbours 6.30-8.00 Week In Week Out 12.10am-12.15 News and weather SCOTLAND: 10.30am-11.00 Dotsman 6.35-7.00 Reporting Scotland 6.30-6.00 Focal Point NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35-7.00 Neighbours 12.10am-12.15 News and weather ENGLAND: 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines

BBC2 SCOTLAND: 7.30pm-8.00 Prostaig

ANGLIA As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 1.30-2.30 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 5.00-6.35 About Anglia 7.00 Bygones 7.30 Roxy 8.00-8.30 Film: Holiday on the Buses 11.35-12.36am Prisoner Cell Block H 1.05 Short Story Theatre 1.30-2.00 America's Top Ten 2.30 Return to Eden 3.30 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Prisoners 4.00-5.00 Poseidon Files.

BORDER As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 1.30-2.30 Love Boat 2.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00-7.00 Lookaround 7.30 Take the High Road 8.00-9.30 Film: Holiday on the Buses 11.35 Elton John Live 12.35am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 1.30-2.30 Crazy Like a Fox 2.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 5.15-6.35 News 7.30 In Loving Memory 8.00-8.30 Film: Holiday on the Buses 11.35 Play Misty for Me 1.30am-2.10 America's Top Ten 2.30 Superstars of Wrestling 3.30 Dimension 2000 4.15-5.00 Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except:12.50pm News 1.00 Wish You Were Here ...? 1.30 Country Practice 2.00 Gems 2.30 Real People 3.00 Chain Letters 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 5.00 Coast to Coast 6.35 Police 5 6.35 Horses for Courses 7.05 Crossroads 7.30-8.00 Roxy 11.35 Cricket 12.10am Donahue 1.10-2.00 Hunter 2.30 Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 1.30-2.30 Beyond 2000 6.00-6.35 Northern Life 7.30 In Loving Memory 8.00-8.30 Film: Holiday on the Buses 11.35 Comedy Tonight 12.05am Happy Land 12.10-6.00 Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except:12.50pm-1.00 Newstime 1.30-2.30 Highway to Heaven 3.30-4.00 Coast Story 6.00 Six Tonight 6.20-6.35 Ask Anna 7.30-8.00 Head Start 11.35 Blacks's Magic 12.30am Newstime, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News 1.30-2.30 Highway to Heaven 3.30-4.00 Country Practice 6.00-6.35 Calendar 7.30 In Loving Memory 8.00-8.30 Film: Holiday on the Buses 11.35 Hunter 12.30am Cricket 1.00 Jobfinder 2.00 Closedown.

S4C Starts:9.30am Schools 12.00 Business Daily 12.30pm Fifteen-to-One 1.00 Open College 2.00 Heritage 2.00 Ffilmiwsic 4.00 Ffalabalam 4.15 Sgliau 4.30 Hafoc 5.00 Bewitched" 5.30 Superchamps 6.00 Brookside 6.30 Cosby Show 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Awyr Iach 8.00 Lou Grant 9.00 Bowen AT Bartner 9.35 The Management 10.30 Girls on Top 10.55 Black Forest Clinic 11.40 Sumo 12.25am Closedown.



Reporter Peter Hobday unearths some fascinating financial facts (Inside the Bank of England: ITV, 10.35pm)

A day in the life of the Old Lady

TELEVISION CHOICE

● The Old Lady of Threadneedle Street is not renowned for exposing herself to the outside world but she lifts her veil a little for **Inside the Bank of England** (ITV, 10.35pm). Philip Geddes's film is narrated by Peter Hobday and uses the "day-in-the-life-of" format to explain the workings of the bank and evoke its atmosphere. In the fascinating facts department, *the programme could* hardly fail. From the liveried gate-keepers to the French chef who prepares the Governor's lunch ("not too heavy, not too much starch") the bank has the reassuring feel of a West End club. We are shown new banknotes being designed and printed and the old ones going up in flames, after an average life of not much more than a year. We have a glimpse of the gold bars, the size of a brick and worth £115,000 each, which are held in the vaults. The programme is less successful when it tries to describe the business of the bank, partly because much of this is too technical to be reduced to simple layman's terms. Areas of crucial importance, like the bank's relationship with the Treasury, are touched upon but hardly explored in any profound way. And though it alludes to such episodes as the *Johnson Matthey* scandal, the Big Bang and last autumn's stock market crash, the film steers respectfully clear of controversy. Just for balance, it might have been useful to collect a few dissenting views. These might have come from Denis Healey, a former Labour Chancellor and a man not renowned for mincing words. But poor Denis is allowed only one sentence and the overall impression is of one of those *Look At Life* celebrations of Britain that used to be shown in the cinema before the main feature.

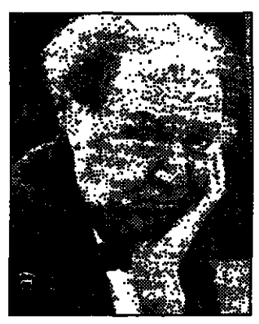
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Nature's remedies

RADIO CHOICE

● "The templates for the cure for Aids, like most cancers, will be from the plant kingdom, and I have no doubt about that". This confident assertion comes from one of several plant scientists from Kew contributing to **Our Green Survival Kit** (Radio 4, 8.30pm). His confidence is no doubt well placed, for only about 10 per cent of the world's immense wealth of flora has yet been investigated from the medicinal point of view. And some four-fifths of the world's population relies on plants, rather than pharmaceuticals, for its medicines. "Plants have been around much longer than human beings," says another Kew scientist, "and we should defer to their greater expertise in organic chemistry." John Theocharis's programme is based around the work being done at Kew, but also takes backward glances into the history of medicinal plants. In his own words, it is an attempt "to fit a reservoir into a pint pot" but it makes fascinating listening.

● **Dialogues on a Broken Sphere** (Radio 3, 9.10pm) is a repeat of Stephen Davis's



Freddie Jones: splendid as Copernicus (R3, 9.10pm)

impressive play about Nikolaus Koppernigk, better known as Copernicus. Freddie Jones gives a splendid performance as the tormented scientist, torn between his duty to the Church and his duty to publish his *revolutionary*, earth-centred cosmology. A distinguished, if demanding production.

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Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on FM (see below) News on the half-hour from 6.30am until 8.30pm, then at 10.00 and 12.00 midnight
5.30 Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Nicky Campbell **12.30** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Simon Mayo **10.00-12.00** John Peel **FM** Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MW (medium wave) Stereo on FM (see Radio 1) News on the hour. Sports Round-Up **6.50am** **4.00am** Colin Berry **5.30** Bill Rennells **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.00** John Dunn **7.00** Robert Parker's A to Z of Jazz: D **7.30** Steve Race presents the Radio Orchestra Show **9.25** Ray Charles: an appraisal (Dave Kelly) **10.00** The Impressionists (Ray Alan) **10.30** The Law Game **11.00** Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight **1.00am** Steve Madden presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin **7.00** News **7.09** Twenty-four Hours **7.30** Unclaimed Promise **7.45** Network UK **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Health Matters **8.30** Best On Record **9.00** News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** World Today **9.30** Financial News followed by Sports Roundup **9.45** Capriccio **10.00** News **10.01** Recovery **10.30** Sports International **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Newsguide **11.25** A Letter from Scotland **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Multimark 1 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** Twenty-four Hours **1.30** Network UK **1.45** *Recording of the Week* **2.00** *Outlook* **2.45** First Recordings of British Symphonies **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** Jolly Good Show **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** Omnibus **4.45** World Today **5.00** News **5.09** A Letter from Scotland **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Heute Aktuell **8.00** News **8.09** Twenty-four Hours **8.30** Meridian **9.00** News **9.01** Byron Readings **9.10** Turning Over New Leaves **9.15** International Recital **10.00** News **10.09** World Today **10.25** A Letter from Scotland **10.30** Financial News **10.45** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** They Sold A Million **11.30** Insurance Game **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Omnibus **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Report on Religion **1.45** Country Style **2.00** News **2.09** Commentary **2.15** Chain Reaction **2.30** Citizens **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** World Today **3.30** Discovery **4.30** Six Four Eight **4.35** Financial News **4.45** Morgenmagazin **5.45** World Today.

Radio 3



Pianist John Bingham plays *Debussy Etudes* (R3, 1.05pm)

6.55 Weather
7.00 Morning Concert: Mozart (Divertimento in B flat, K 186: Vienna Philharmonic Wind Ensemble); Beethoven (*Grosse Fuga: Philharmonia* under Klemperer)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (contd): Bizet (L'Arlésienne, Suite No 2: RPO under Beecham); Haydn (Songs, Recollection, A Pastoral Song: Elly Ameling, soprano, and Jörg Demus, piano); Haydn (Symphony No 93 in D: LPO under Solti)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Italian Violin School. Works by contemporaries of Monteverdi at Mantua and Venice including Francesco *Cavalli (Canzoni a tre:* Academy of Ancient Music under Hogwood); C. Farini (Capriccio stravagante a 4: Vienna Concentus Musicus under Harnoncourt); and B Marini (Sonata sopra la Monica, Op 8; Eco a tre violini: Musica Antiqua Cologne under Goebel)
9.30 Haydn: Piano recital by Peter Hill: Sonata in E (H XVI 22), Variations on Gott erhalte Franz den Kaiser, Fantasia in C (H XVII 4), and Sonata in A flat (H XVI 46)
10.10 French String Quartets: Medici String Quartet perform Vincent d'Indy (Quartet No 3 in D flat, Op 96) and Fauré (Quartet, Op 121) (r)
11.15 Midday Concert: BBC Scottish SO under Christopher Adey perform Britten (The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra); David Wooldridge (Fantasy Concertante) and Dvorak (Symphony No 4 in D minor). With Heather Corbett (vibraphone), Alan Cuckston (harpsichord) and Meradith McCracken (harp). *Interval reading* **12.05**
1.00 News
1.05 Debussy Etudes: Piano recital by John Bingham including Pour les cinq doigts: Pour les tierces; Pour les agréments: Pour les arpèges; and Pour les accords
2.00 Les Filles de Sainte-Colombe: Christopher Simpson (Suite No 2 and Spring Fantasia Suite) and Matthew Locke (Suite No 7 in G major/minor). With Richard Campbell (viol), Mary Springfels (viol), Sarah Cunningham (viola da gamba) and Mitzi Meyerson (organ)
2.45 Paragon Ensemble: Poulenc (Mouvements perpetuels and Le Bal masqué) and Lutoslawski (Dance Preludes). With Alan Watt (bariton) and Peter Seivewright (piano). Conductor is David Davies
3.30 Jacqueline du Pré: Highlights of the cellist's recording career including Beethoven (Piano Trio in D, Op 70 No 1, with Daniel Barenboim, piano, and Pinchas Zukerman, violin) and Elgar (Cello Concerto in E minor, with the LSO under Barbirolli)
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Presented by Roger Nichols
6.30 Turkish Gypsies: Recorded dance music by the Erköse family of Boursa
7.00 News
7.30 English Chamber Orchestra: includes Boccherini (Symphony No 1 in D); Donizetti (O luce di quest' anima); Bellini (Ecconi in tieta vesta); and Donizetti (Quel guardo il cavaliere). With Arleen Augér (soprano). Conducted by Raymond Leppard
9.10 *Dialogues on a Broken* Sphere: Play by Stephen Davis, starring Freddie Jones (see Choice) (r)
11.00 Composers of the Week: Nielsen. Overture: Maskarade (1906); String Quaratet No 4 in F (1906); Sleep (1904); At the Bier of a Young Artist (1910) (r)
12.00 News
12.05 Wolf 88: Songs by the prolific composer performed by Dietrich Fisher-Dieskau (baritone) and Daniel Barenboim (piano) (r)
On medium wave only:
11.00pm Test Match Special: Final day of the First Test between New Zealand and England, in Christchurch. Until **8.00am**

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on FM
5.55 Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer (s) **6.30** Today presented by Brian Redhead and John Humphreys, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.20** Your Letters **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News Bulletin
9.05 Call Nick Ross: 01-580 4411
10.00 News; Medicine Now: with Geoff Watts
10.30 Morning Story: A Wild Boy by Christine Harrison. Read by Paula Tilbrook
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Citizens
11.25 From Our Own Correspondent
11.50 Nine Encounters in Australia: Playwright David Williamson discusses anger, aggression and the creative arts with Daniel Snowman
12.00 News; You and Yours with Susan Rae
12.25 The Spy Who Came in from the Cold: by John le Carré. Starring Colin Blakely, David de Keyser, Alfred Burke, Janet Maw and Wolf Kahler (final part) (s) (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One presented by Nick Worrall
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Items include an interview with singer Georgia Brown; plus a feature on Marie Stopes's Cervicography service and part 7 of Corporal Jack by Marjorie Quarton
3.00 News; Arthur's Plants: Play by Barbara Lacey about a man's obsession with plant life and particularly his greenhouse. With Peter Copley, June Barrie, Deborah Makepeace and Sheila Grant (s)
3.32 Comparing Notes: Richard Baker in conversation with the Medici String Quartet, one of the country's leading ensembles (s)
4.00 News Bulletin
4.05 The Local Network: Neil Walker and David Clayton link up with local radio stations around the country, investigating regional variations in humour. Why is it that Donald Scott is a star in Carlisle, but unknown in the rest of the country?
4.30 Kaleidoscope (r)
5.00 PM presented by Valerie Singleton and Bill Frost
5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News with Clive Roslin, incl Financial Report
6.30 King Street Junior: new series by Jim Eldridge, starring Karl Howman and James Grout (s) (r)
7.00 News Bulletin
7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4: Michael Robinson reports on major issues at home and abroad
8.00 Love is . . . a bore? Richard Anthony Baker samples the views of Woody Allen, Tom Lehrer and others (s)
8.30 Our Green Survival Kit? John Scotney seeks the views of scientists and botanists engaged in medicinal plant research (r) (s)
9.15 In Touch: Magazine for the visually handicapped presented by Peter White. Questions and comments may be phoned in on 01-580 4444
9.45 Kaleidoscope: includes an interview with Athol Fugard about his play *A Place with the Pigs*; a review of David Bomberg's exhibition at the Tate; and an interview with the young Irish pianist Barry Douglas the day before he recorded the Beethoven sonata, *Hammerklavier*
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Confessions of Felix Krull, Confidence Man by Thomas Mann (7 of 16) **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight presented by Alexander MacLeod
11.15 The Financial World Tonight: International news and comment
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News; Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
FM as above except: **11.00am-12.00** For Schools. **11.00** Time and Tune (s) **11.20** Time ot Move (s) **11.40** Pictures in Your Mind (Stories) **1.55-3.00** For Schools. **1.55** Listening Corner (s) **2.05** History Lost and Found (s) **2.25** Mainstream GCSE (s) **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **11.30-12.10am** Open University: **11.30** Modern Art: The aesthetic **11.50** An Advancement of Learning **12.30-1.15** Schools Night-Time: Help Yourself: Business and Practical Spanish (s)

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Kinnock puts bus ban on TV-am

By Philip Webster
Political Staff

The Labour Party stepped into the three-month TV-am dispute yesterday when Mr Neil Kinnock banned the company from the official press party covering his Middle East tour.

Mr David Foster, a journalist, and two non-union technicians recruited locally, were turned off the coach provided by Egypt's information ministry for use by the Labour leader's press party in Cairo.

The TV-am crew had been told the coach was not for their use, but they clambered aboard as it waited outside a Cairo hotel. A vehicle of their own was standing by.

In London, Mr Tim Wight, leader of the 229 striking technicians, warned that if his members were dismissed the Labour Party and unions would stop TV-am's access to news. This would seriously hamper the station's ability to provide a news and current affairs service.

Mr Wight told a press conference, called by the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians, that the union had won the dispute. "TV-am advertising is falling, its targetted audience has been lost to the BBC and other ITV companies are fed up with illegal pirating of their material.

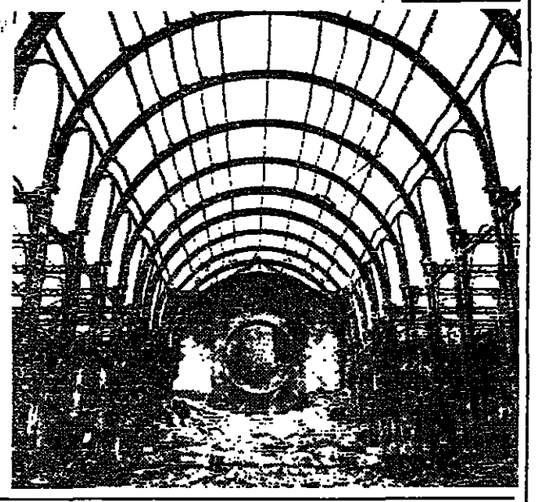
"We have not been warned that dismissal is a possibility, but if it came to that our situation would not be altered. We are not getting paid now and we are not working."

Until now, the Labour Party has kept a low profile in the strike at TV-am, where the technicians are paid an average of £38,500 a year.

The TV-am crew was refused permission by Mr Kinnock to travel with the official press party. But in all other ways they have received co-operation from his staff.

Alexandrian palms for a People's Palace





The Palm Court at Alexandra Palace, north London, being prepared for its re-opening next month (Photograph: Peter Trievnor). Right: The Great Hall after the fire in 1980.

Ally Pally, the "people's palace" in north London which was destroyed by fire in 1980, will rise from the ashes on March 17 for the second time in its history with a grand reopening to mark its £45 million refurbishment.

The final touches being put to the Palm Court, the restored Victorian focal point, in which eight 20ft palm trees shipped from Alexandria in Egypt have been successfully planted beneath an arched canopy of 2,500 panes of glass.

Alexandra Palace, north London's answer to the Crystal Palace on the other side of the Thames, was opened on Queen Victoria's birthday, May 24, 1875, but burned down 16 days later. It was restored in less than two years but was destroyed by fire again eight years ago.

The money for its second restoration, which includes £3 million for the 200 acres of surrounding park, has been raised by a charitable trust established in 1901.

A huge range of amenities has been created at Ally Pally, from which the BBC made its first high definition television transmission in 1936. They include sports, exhibition, conference and banqueting facilities, and an hotel.

Mr Louis Bizat, the palace's general manager, said: "It's been a long process which has demanded a great deal of hard work".

Commons sketch

Jocular garb and the moral climate

It is not every politician who manages to be pictured on the front of a Sunday newspaper dressed only in jockstrap and judge's gown. It is inevitable, then, that, among a chamber full of attention-seekers, any politician who succeeds in this objective will be subjected to a certain amount of envious ribaldry from his fellow members.

It was Mr Paul Boateng (Labour, Brent South) who, having donned this jocular garb, had found himself celebrated in no less a Sunday newspaper than the *News of the World*. All eyes, therefore, fell upon him as he waltzed his way into the Chamber while Questions to the Secretary of State for Energy dribbled to their close.

Always a snappy dresser, Mr Boateng more usually appears clothed in the style of The Chi-Lites, a popular singing group of the 1970's noted for the close formation dancing of its three backing vocalists. "Oooh-wah! Oooh-oooh-wah! Bay-bee!" are the words expected from him as he struts about the House, but more often than not the speech that emerges is rather less catchy, rather more laden with grievance.

With red and white embroidered socks, a red tie, a red and white striped shirt, a heavily shouldered-padded double-breasted suit, and hair swooping forward above his forehead in the manner of a less reticent Little Richard, Mr Boateng took his seat with no air of contrition. He was clutching a Filofax.

The theatrical theme of Sunday's photograph was pursued by Mr Dennis Skinner quoting *The Merchant of Venice* at the Secretary of State for Energy, Mr Cecil Parkinson. "The quality of mercy is not strained" crackled Mr Skinner, "It droppeth like the rain from heaven". He wished to know why mercy had not been shown to the 200 miners who had not been reinstated since the miners' strike when it had dropped so heavily on Mr Parkinson. Mr Parkinson looked avidly at the floor.

So far, so good for Mr Boateng. Had he been a Conservative rather than a Labour member, the combination of Judicial Robes, jock-strap and Filofax would have singled him out as a High Tory Freemason, and socialist conspiracy theorists would already have been attacking him. But most members on the Tory benches seemed to find nothing but healthy reassurance in the revelations of Mr Boateng's casual-wear, and for a long while not a mutter of dissent was heard.

The issue was a complicated one. Mr Boateng had dressed as a near-naked Judge not in the privacy of his own home but as part of a theatrical event: it was this public element that perplexed a number of Tories. It was inevitable that, during Questions to the Minister for the Arts, the topic should be raised.

Mr Toby Jessel (Conservative, Twickenham) blundered to his feet, the batty Professor from a 1950s "B" movie. He blustered about having proof that the Conservatives were much more civilized than Labour, but it appeared that he was talking of art and music becoming foundation subjects in the new education proposals. Mr Tony Banks (Labour, Newham North West) sitting next to Mr Boateng, posed the question of Clause 28. Was he worried that Mr Boateng's public performances might be curtailed by council clampdowns on male nudity? Not a bit of it. He merely wanted the minister's assurance that the arts would not suffer damage.

Aha! Up rose Mr Boateng, happily still clad in his double-breasted suit. He asked the minister for the arts, Mr Richard Luce, a question concerning the finance of black theatre companies. "I hope he'll take this in good heart" replied Mr Luce, congenially, "but I have observed that his own artistic performances leave plenty of room for improvement".

Mr Boateng laughed sheepishly, looking downwards. Immediately, a portly Labour backbencher slid towards him to ask what on earth old Luce meant, and Mr Boateng had to explain. In a world of declining moral standards, how reassuring it is that there are still some MPs who have better things to do with their time than to sift through the Sunday papers for nude photographs of their colleagues.

Craig Brown

New training scheme to aid 600,000 jobless

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are worried that too many employers reject jobless people simply because they have been unemployed for some time, when it is frequently no fault of their own.

Campaign posters will carry the message "The Unemployed aren't Unemployable" to employers, job agencies and personnel officers.

The Department of Employment sees it as an effort to remove misconceptions about the long-term unemployed.

The new training programme to be announced in the White Paper will operate on the principle of paying people "benefit plus". Designed to ensure that the individual is better off in work, it is targetted at the family man with children who has found that it pays him to stay on the dole.

The new scheme, based on recommendations by the Manpower Services Commission, replaces about 30 existing schemes such as the Youth Training Scheme and the Community Programme.

Ministers hope to attract additional funds from employers as training schemes are devised to suit their requirements and the needs demonstrated by the jobs market.

The Opposition criticized the scheme as a form of creeping compulsion. Ms Clare Short, a Labour employment spokesman, said yesterday that the White Paper would be a "move towards an Eastern European labour market". She said: "This is an insult to the unemployed. It will involve policing the unemployed, penalising them, lead to a lack of freedom and choice and a lack of decent employment standards."

Waldheim will not go

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that there was "much about my wartime career which must remain open".

Speaking clearly and slowly he said: "I have often had to say that I did not know and that I could not remember. Part of the report by the historical commission, however, was not in accordance with the facts."

In an unprecedented admission of a mistake in his subsequent handling of his wartime activities, Dr Waldheim said: "I mistakenly described my wartime career as doing my duty, but there were not many possibilities to escape the demands of war. I respect those heros and martyrs who acted differently but they were very few.

"It was perhaps a mistake to talk so little about this time but it was not a strategy of subterfuge."

Waldheim commando link

By Tom Bower

A Foreign Office file destroyed 10 years ago by the British Government connected President Waldheim of Austria to the interrogation of British commandos who were captured in Greece in 1944, according to sources at the US National Archives.

The so-called Alimnia file, which concerned the capture and interrogation of British commandos on reconnaissance in the Aegean in April, 1944, was recovered after the war and microfilmed by the US Government in 1950.

The file contained Dr Kurt Waldheim's name, although he has denied any involvement in the handling of captured British commandos. A copy handed to the British Government was destroyed by the Foreign Office in 1978.

Since *The Times* revealed the destruction of the Foreign Office file 10 days ago, the department, despite questions by MPs, has failed to explain the destruction.

Mr Robert Rhodes James, Conservative MP for Cambridge and historian, intends to table another question in the Commons today.

He told *The Times* yesterday: "There is a consistent pattern by the British to cover up. We need to find out what we knew (about Waldheim) and when we knew it. It is either incompetence or a conspiracy. Unless I get a satisfactory reply to my question, there will have to be a special debate."

It has emerged that the file was forwarded to the Government from Washington in 1950, and was almost certainly used in the British investigation of Sub-Lieutenant Allan Tuckey's fate.

After their capture off the island of Alimnia on April 7, 1944, he and five other commandos were interrogated at Arsakli, near Salonika, intelligence HQ for Army Group E, where Dr Waldheim was an intelligence officer. They were executed in 1942.

However, in the early 1960s when the US government microfilm of wartime documents was copied and sent to West German archives in Freiburg, the Alimnia file was specifically removed from the microfilm at the express request of Britain.

At that time Dr Waldheim was a senior official in the Austrian Foreign Ministry and about to be promoted to Deputy Foreign Minister. In 1971, Britain first opposed, then supported, his appointment to the post of UN Secretary-General

A Whitehall source said that the British blocking of the file may have been taken because it involved material which is generally kept secret longer than the 30-year rule.

Bush hits wimp factor

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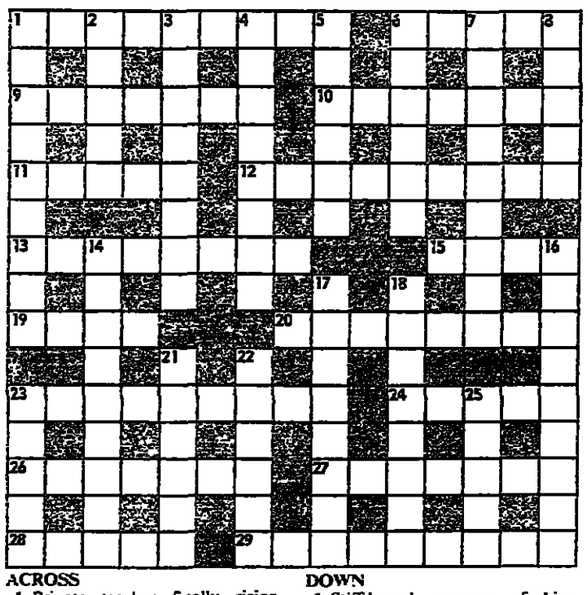
England. Mr Bush became a man pursued through the New Hampshire woods by this terrifying vision thing.

There is also a hint of science fiction. Referring to Mr Robertson's potential voters, Mr Bush's campaign manager, Mr Andy Card, says: "They're out there, but we just don't know how many of them there are. They seem to come from all directions." He was referring to evangelical Christians, but he somehow made them sound like invading aliens — yet another supernatural threat to the Bush campaign.

On Sunday night, Mr Bush made one last desperate appeal to the voters during a debate, held in a high school at Goffstown, of all the Republican candidates. Sadly, he sounded all too desperate. "I may not be eloquent," he said, "but don't take that for a lack of passion, a lack of belief." This sounded all too defensive. The vision thing had struck again.

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THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,593



ACROSS

1 Private teacher finally rising above Head (9).
6 Fight for a press cutting (5).
9 Pompous idiot thrown back in breaking down door (7).
10 Ducks into which Lear's daughter put some flavouring (7).
11 Bush-dweller prominent in 27 (5).
12 Republic accommodating a student is part of the Commonwealth (9).
13 It's an exciting business, finding the channel in the river (8).
15 Eager to identify a biblical king (4).
19 Wild animal's claim to be to windward in retreat (4).
20 Government representative torn to pieces in Times? Right (8).
23 Illegal activity of student in second assault (9).
24 Headdress I found in the seat of 27's ancient kings (5).
26 Spoil illegally imported wine (7).
27 Country music composer (7).
28 Headgear assumed by baronet before entering (5).
29 Book 8 recited by satirist (9).

Concise crossword, page 12

DOWN

1 Stiff-legged progress of king leaving Stoke Poges, perhaps (5,4).
2 Cesario's instrument? (5).
3 Lines which identify military aircraft (8).
4 Journal supporting aim to print nothing on this? (8).
5 Married person starts to swab punts on river (6).
6 Lady is on the right lines serving wine (6).
7 Correct setting for peer's mobile illumination (4-5).
8 Where, in Maharashtra, a small number work standing up (5).
14 Strange athlete engaged in 23 *ac* (3-6).
16 Bloomer made by Sandhurst in sex case (9).
17 Trendy turn in Jim's frantic national pride (8).
18 Exam inducing a degree of listlessness (6-2).
21 Stag has taken fright apparently (6).
22 Coin the Spanish used for upkeep of gaol (6).
23 Drink leads to hour trapped in overturned vehicle (5).
25 A scholar batting with great force (5).

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

IGNOSCENCY
a. Oblivion
b. Inflammability
c. Forgiviangness

MACARONIC
a. Mixed language
b. Made from flour dough
c. Idiotic

KELLY POOL
a. The Irish Sea
b. A sort of billiards
c. Casual building labour

PAS D'ANE
a. A sword guard
b. A ballet step
c. A slow pace

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Solution to Puzzle No 17,592

G	A	L	I	L	A	N	T	A	S	S	U	M	E	D
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WEATHER

Much of southern England and East Anglia will start cloudy with the chance of showers before brighter weather spreads from the North-west. Most other places will have sunny intervals, although showers are likely near western coasts from North Wales northwards and also in central and northern Scotland. It will be much colder in the South. Outlook: dry and sunny with fog and frost overnight.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet, sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	14	57	s	Malaga	17	63	s
Akrotiri	15	59	c	Malta	16	59	s
Alex'dria	14	57	s	Melb'rne	24	75	s
Algiers	17	63	s	Mexico C*	19	66	s
Amst'dm	8	46	s	Miami*	21	70	c
Athens	7	45	c	Montreal*	-9	16	s
Bahrain	20	68	s	Moscow	-3	27	c
Barbados*	29	84	f	Munich	3	37	s
Barcelna	14	57	f	Nairobi	29	84	f
Belgrade	5	41	f	Naples	14	57	s
Berlin	6	41	s	N Delhi	19	66	s
Biarritz	12	54	s	N York*	1	34	s
Borde'x	13	55	s	Nice	15	59	s
B Aires*	26	79	f	Peking	-1	30	s
Cairo	19	66	f	Perth	35	95	s
Cape Tn	24	75	s	Prague	4	39	s
C'blanca	10	50	c	Reykjvik	-2	28	sf
Chicago*	3	37	c	Rhodes	14	57	f
Ch'church	19	66	c	Rio de J	28	82	f
C'phagn	4	39	s	Riyadh	23	73	s
Corfu	17	63	s	Rome	15	59	s
Dublin	7	45	r	Salzburg	5	41	s
Dubrovnik	15	59	s	S F'risco*	14	57	s
Faro	12	54	r	Seoul	-1	30	c
Funchal	13	55	f	Sing'por	30	86	f
Geneva	5	41	s	Sydney	21	70	c
Gibraltar	15	59	c	Tangier	17	63	c
Hong K	17	63	c	Tel aviv	18	64	f
Innsbruck	7	45	s	Tenerife	18	64	f
Istanbul	4	39	d	Tokyo	7	45	s
Jeddah	26	79	f	Toronto*	-6	21	f
Jo'burg*	24	75	f	Tunis	15	59	f
Karachi	23	73	f	Valencia	13	56	c
L Palmas	17	63	c	Vanc'ver*	6	43	r
La Toquet	9	48	f	Venice	10	50	s
Lisbon	9	48	s	Vienna	2	36	s
Locarno	9	48	s	Wash'ton*	2	36	s
L Angels*	19	66	s	Wel'mton	17	63	d
Majorca	14	57	f	Zurich	3	37	s

* denotes Sunday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	7.4	-	10	50	sunny
Cromer	7.6	-	13	55	sunny
Lowestoft	5.9	-	9	48	sunny
Clacton	8.2	-	9	48	sunny
Southend	8.6	-	11	52	sunny
Folkestone	8.6	-	10	50	sunny
Brighton	8.1	-	10	50	sunny
Worthing	7.9	-	10	50	sunny
Littlehmptn	8.0	-	11	52	sunny
Bognor R	8.1	-	10	50	sunny
Southsea	8.0	-	11	52	sunny
Sandown	7.4	-	11	52	sunny
Bournemth	8.2	-	11	52	sunny
Poole	7.8	-	12	54	sunny
Weymouth	7.6	-	11	52	sunny
Exmouth	6.6	-	11	52	sunny
Teignmouth	6.0	-	11	52	sunny
Torquay	6.5	-	11	52	sunny
Penzance	2.3	-	11	52	bright
Scilly Isles	2.3	-	12	54	bright
Newquay	5.6	-	13	55	sunny
Ilfracombe	-	-	16	61	sunny
Minehead	7.8	-	15	59	sunny
Morecambe	0.8	.01	11	52	rain
Douglas	-	.18	9	48	rain
Carlisle	1.3	.09	13	55	rain
Nottingham	7.2	-	13	55	sunny
Anglesey	0.5	.17	10	50	rain
Colwyn Bay	-	.15	-	-	sunny
Tenby	2.0	.01	10	50	cloudy
Aberdeen	1.7	.06	8	46	rain
Aviemore	0.9	.05	9	48	rain
Eskdalemuir	-	.15	8	46	rain
Lerwick	-	.31	7	45	rain
Prestwick	-	.68	9	48	rain
Stornoway	1.8	.55	8	46	shower
Tiree	0.8	.27	8	46	cloudy
Wick	-	.12	9	48	cloudy

* Denotes figures not available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	Ht	PM	Ht
London Bridge	12.15	6.3	12.50	6.7
Aberdeen	mdnt	4.0	12.07	4.1
Avonmouth	6 01	12.2	6.32	12.5
Belfast	9 45	3.4	10.13	3.3
Cardiff	5.46	11.3	6.17	11.6
Devonport	4 48	5.2	5.22	5.2
Dover	5 55	6.0	10 23	6.3
Falmouth	4 16	5.0	4.52	5.0
Glasgow	11.37	4.7	----	---
Harwich	10.42	3.7	11.05	3.6
Holyhead	9 10	5.4	9 42	5.4
Hull	5 15	6.7	5 25	6.9
Ilfracombe	4 48	8.5	5.18	8.7
Leith	1.20	5.1	1.37	5.2
Liverpool	10.04	9.0	10.35	9.1
Lowestoft	8.18	2.3	8.18	2.3
Margate	11 02	4.5	11.18	4.5
Milford Haven	5.02	6.6	5.32	6.7
Newquay	3.54	6.6	4.23	6.7
Oban	4.55	3.8	5.28	3.7
Penzance	3.46	5.3	4.20	5.3
Portland	5.49	2.0	6.22	1.9
Portsmouth	10.12	4.4	10.49	4.5
Shoreham	10 00	6.0	10.35	6.2
Southampton	9 41	4.2	10.19	4.4
Swansea	5 09	8.9	5.39	9.0
Tees	2.30	5.0	2.49	5.3
W'ton-on-Nze	10.35	3.9	10.57	3.8

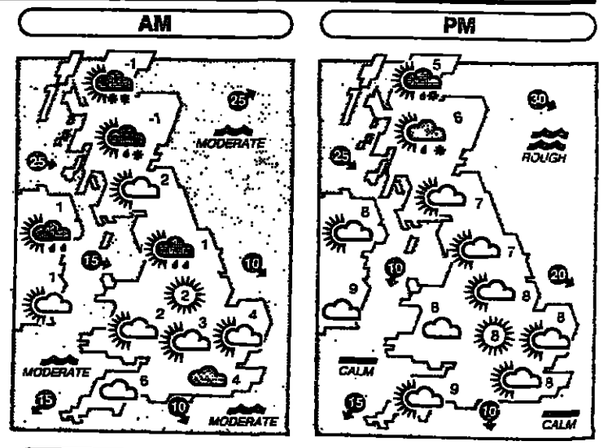
THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.515	2.405
Austria Sch	21.70	20.60
Belgium Fr	64.70	61.50
Canada $	2.295	2.175
Denmark Kr	11.84	11.24
Finland Mrk	7.55	7.15
France Fr	10.41	9.91
Germany Dm	3.092	2.932
Greece Dr	255	235
Hong Kong $	14.00	13.30
Ireland Pt	1.165	1.105
Italy Lire	2270	2150
Japan Yen	237	225
Netherlands Gld	3.46	3.29
Norway Kr	11.71	11.11
Portugal Esc	251.50	238.50
South Africa Rd	4.05	3.55
Spain Pta	208	197
Sweden Kr	11.02	10.47
Switzerland Fr	2.532	2.412
USA $	1.82	1.73
Yugoslavia Dnr	2850	2150

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Retail Price Index: 103.3 (January)

London: The *FT* index closed up 4.1 at 1388.1.



MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 4C (39F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 5hrs.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	6	43	r	Guernsey	8	46	s
B'mingham	10	50	s	Inverness	8	46	r
Blackpool	9	48	f	Jersey	10	50	s
Bristol	13	55	s	London	13	55	s
Cardiff	11	52	s	M'chester	9	48	s
Edinburgh	9	48	r	Newcastle	9	48	f
Glasgow	7	45	r	R'mdsway	9	48	c

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 15C (59F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 7C (45F). Humidity: 6 pm, 57 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 7.6hrs. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1020.4 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

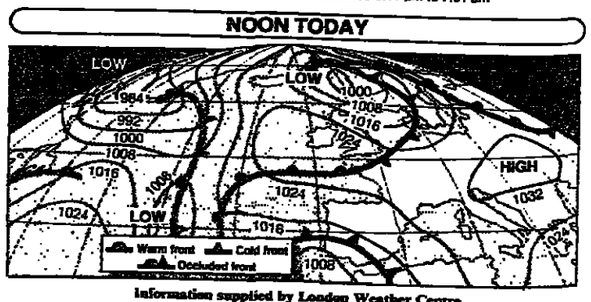
Sunday: Highest day temp: Ilfracombe, Devon, 14C (57F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Milford Haven, Dyfed, 0.39in; highest sunshine: Jersey, 8.5hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 5.46 pm to 6.42 am
Bristol 5.56 pm to 6.52 am
Edinburgh 5.47 pm to 7.05 am
Manchester 5.50 pm to 6.55 am
Penzance 6.11 pm to 7.01 am

Sun rises: 7.14 am
Sun sets: 5.16 pm
Moon rises 7.06 am
Moon sets 3.30 pm
New Moon tomorrow

NOON TODAY



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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1389.1 (+4.1)

FT-SE 100
1739.2 (+5.2)

Bargains
21129 (20092)

USM (Datastream)
145.49 (+0.72)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7460 (+0.0060)

W German mark
2.9813 (+0.0033)

Trade-weighted
74.2 (+0.1)

Bell Group in record loss

Holmes à Court empire shaken by market crash

By Graham Searjeant and Richard Battley

Mr Robert Holmes à Court's Bell Group yesterday recorded a net loss of Aus$498 million (£203 million) for the six months to the end of 1987, the first half of its financial year.

It was the biggest loss recorded in Australian corporate history, and shows the full effect of the October crash on Australia's most aggressive corporate raider. He was left holding large blocks of quoted shares in Broken Hill Proprietary, Standard Chartered Bank, Texaco and other groups at the moment of collapse.

Bell Resources, the associate company set up to own the group's stake in BHP, recorded a net after-tax loss of Aus$270 million for the full year, after taking Aus$561 million losses on investments, and the agreed sale of two thirds of its holding in BHP, which after cancellation of the stock, would leave Bell with 12 per cent.

Bell Group recorded extraordinary losses of Aus$357 million before tax, and took a further Aus$200 million share of losses in associated companies, chiefly Bell Resources. These swamped pretax operating profits of Aus$153 million for the six months, up a quarter on a year before.

The beleaguered Perth entrepreneur assiduously adhered to the Australian Stock Exchange's (ASE) directive to *all listed companies* to reveal fully the extent of the losses due to the crash.

The Bell Group and its associates have sold Aus$5 billion of investments, and the rest have been valued at their stock market quotation on December 31.

The group said the losses were due to the Bell companies adopting a very conservative accounting policy. There were "severe one-off write-downs in the value of their listed investments — to recognize the full effects of the share market crash".

This approach, and 5 cent dividends from both companies, earned some approval on the Sydney stock exchange, where Bell Group shares were quoted at Aus$1.40-1.45, up from Aus$1.38 on Friday. This compares with a peak of Aus$11.30 before the crash and an estimated current asset value of Aus$4.60 per share.

The fall is estimated to have cut Mr Holmes à Court's personal fortune from Aus$1.4 billion to about Aus$200 million.

Shares in Bell Resources, 42 per cent owned by Bell Group, have plunged from a peak of Aus$6.40 to Aus$1.30 and registered no change yesterday. The preliminary report indicates that Bell Resources had shareholders' assets of Aus$2.36 per share at the end of the year.

Bell Group has not written down its holdings in associates Bell Resources and JN Taylor.



Into the big time: Lord Blakenham announcing Pearson's £162m acquisition yesterday (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance)

Pearson buys US publisher

By Joe Joseph

Pearson, whose interests range from Penguin books and the *Financial Times* to Lazards merchant bank and Royal Doulton china, has launched itself into the senior league of world book publishers with the $283 million (£162.64 million) purchase of Addison-Wesley Publishing, one of America's top educational publishers.

The acquisition follows a secret auction between seven international bidders and marks yet another change in the rapidly shifting ownership of the world's top publishing houses. Pearson says that buying the US company will fulfil most of its main ambitions in publishing, the core of its business.

Addison-Wesley, which specializes in mathematics, *science and computer science* books for the $4 billion-a-year US school and college markets, will merge with Longman, Pearson's educational and professional book publishing subsidiary. The enlarged company, to be called Addison-Wesley-Longman Group, will have world sales of £250 million.

The friendly cash purchase is a strategic move for Pearson. With Addison-Wesley, which made pretax profits last year of $15.4 million on sales of $167.4 million, Pearson will rank among the five biggest book publishers in Europe and the US with a dominant foothold in the growing world market for books that teach English as a second and foreign language.

Lord Blakenham, the chairman of Pearson chairman, said: "Pearson is in the business of building international businesses that are capable of competing on an international basis. We have done it with Lazards, we have done it with Royal Doulton, we are doing it with the *Financial Times* and we have done it with Penguin.

"To do it with Longman, what has been missing is a leading United States presence. The opportunities that come up are extremely rare. Addison-Wesley has long been identified as an ideal merger partner and will transform Longman by adding a large US educational and international publishing dimension."

Mr James Joll, the finance director of Pearson, said the acquisition would swell Pearson's debt/equity ratio to about 30 per cent and admitted that "the exit price-earnings multiple of more than 29 was a high one."

But he added: "That is not the critical point. The point is to see what we can make out of it. We feel this price is one on which we will earn a satisfactory return."

Lord Blakenham quashed suggestions that the acquisition of Addison-Wesley, or the proposed purchase of *Les Echos*, the French business newspaper, were made in response to the 20.5 per cent shareholding in Pearson built up by Mr Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation.

"They haven't been prompted by that," he said. "Most have been started before Mr Murdoch came on the scene."

Lord Blakenham added that he had "no concrete plans" to meet Mr Murdoch but said "if Mr Murdoch comes up with proposals that are, on their own merit, sensible proposals, we will consider them whether or not he is a shareholder. What those proposals might be are not obvious."

Asked if he found the News Corporation stake unwelcome, Lord Blakenham replied: "The thought of anyone coming in with a 20 per cent holding would always be unwelcome because it is a destabilizing influence."

Mr Murdoch has said he would like to form an association with Pearson to produce a special US edition of the *Financial Times* to compete with the *Wall Street Journal*.

Lord Blakenham said yesterday: "A mass circulation newspaper in the US is not an objective of the *Financial Times*. It is the quality of the readership that matters. We are not in the business of becoming a mass market newspaper."

He said that a high quality readership had paid dividends for the *Financial Times* in the US, where its advertising revenues had grown from £4 million to £13 million a year despite a modest circulation of 20,000.

Questions to bank on Birmid

Baring Brothers, adviser to Blue Circle Industries, was obliged to account for its movements to the Takeover Panel yesterday, after the bank's announcement late on Saturday that Blue Circle had won control of Birmid Qualcast by just over 9,000 shares out of a total of 72 million.

Concern was voiced earlier that Hoare Govett, Blue Circle's broker, was still prepared to pay 380p for Birmid shares.

However, Lord Verulam, a Baringdirector, said the Panel had indicated that everything was in order. The bid was now unconditional. He said: "We are just buying as before, wanting to secure our position."

The Panel is understood still to be awaiting a report of the bid. But a spokesman said he did not expect to discover anything untoward.

Bid talk wanes

Speculation has waned that the construction group CH Beazer is planning a bid for fellow building company George Wimpey on the back of a stake estimated at 1.5 per cent. But market experts believe Beazer has decided not to issue the further shares needed to finance a bid.

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SE investigates sudden rise in Stylo share price

By Cliff Feltham

The Stock Exchange is investigating a sharp rise in the shares of Stylo Shoes, a long-standing takeover target. The rise took place after a meeting between Mr Arnold Ziff, the company chairman, and Kitcat & Aitken, the stockbroker.

Stylo dampened speculation yesterday by issuing a statement saying it knew of "no reason for the recent fluctuations in the price of the limited voting shares."

The shares, which jumped 110p to 360p in dealings on Friday, fell 70p on the announcement to close at 290p.

The Stock Exchange's increasingly efficient surveillance department went on to *the alert after the sudden rise* in the shares.

Yesterday a furious Mr Ziff said he had already asked for the Stock Exchange to look into the affair.

He said that within 30 minutes of the meeting the shares had gone up 110p. Normally they move in a range of about 20p.

"I want to know who dealt *in our shares and how many* were dealt in. I did not give the broker any confidential information. If I had anything new to say about the business I would have told our shareholders first."

Last night Kitcat & Aitken confirmed that Mr Ziff had been angry following the move in his share price after a meeting with members of its dealing and corporate finance departments.

Mr Brian Raynor of the investment research department said: "A number of matters were discussed but at no time was there any comment on current trading or any indication of future prospects. No one here bought or sold a share. We were surprised as anybody else by the reaction in the price during the afternoon. The whole thing is a total mystery. Mr Ziff was quite annoyed about the way the price had moved."

Mr Raynor pointed out that the previous day the share price had started to edge higher following speculation that British Land, which holds a 25 per share stake in Stylo, might decide to offload a number of its shareholdings following the naming of its chairman, Mr John Ritblat, in an insider dealing investigation by the Department of Trade and Industry.

Mr Ziff, who fought off a takeover bid from British Land in January 1985, said yesterday he still intended to keep the business independent. He said he did not think the buying had come from British Land. Stylo Shoes runs a chain of 235 shops from which it has struggled to make a profit.

However, Mr Ziff has been able to keep the predators at bay because of the share structure of the company. The Ziff family retains voting control through ownership of management shares. These represent 5 per cent of the share capital but control 45 per cent of the votes.

Record retail trade figures confound fear of slowdown

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Retail sales showed a surprise increase to reach record levels last month, confounding expectations of a slowdown. The buoyancy will add to the pressure on the Chancellor to limit personal tax reductions in his March 15 Budget.

The volume of retail sales rose by 0.75 per cent last month, to exceed the previous high recorded in November. Sales volume *was up by* 8.8 per cent on a year earlier, well above recent 12-month growth rates.

Retailers may have discounted more than usual in their January sales in order to keep trade moving, as suggested by the figures for retail price inflation, released last Friday. But, even allowing for this, the underlying picture was of strong spending. The weekly value of sales last month was £1.97 billion, 11 per cent up on January 1987.

Officials at the Department of Trade and Industry said that the upward trend in retail sales was continuing, but cautioned against reading too much into the strong 12-month increases recorded last month.

The increase of 6.6 per cent in sales volume in the latest three months compared with a year ago, regarded by officials as a better measure, suggests a strong growth picture.

Retail Sales Volume

	Index (1980=100)	12 Month increase
Aug	132.1	6.8%
Sept	132.0	5.9%
Oct	133.0	6.4%
Nov	133.6	5.1%
Dec	133.5	5.4%
Jan	134.5	6.8%

Source: Department of Trade & Industry

But City analysts said that the strength of retail sales, which could show through in poor trade and bank lending figures, underlined the need for a cautious Budget.

"These confirm the need for the Chancellor to be cautious and not give too much of a fiscal stimulus," said Mr Kevin Boakes, economist at Greenwell Montagu Gilt-Edged. "The problem is that he has so much potential for tax cuts it will be difficult to hide it."

Gilts fell by around a quarter of a point on the figures but recovered to close unchanged on the day. "The gilt market requires evidence that the economy is slowing, which is exactly what we did not get today," said Mr John Shepperd, economist at Warburg Securities.

The Confederation of British Industry/Financial Times Distributive Trades Survey, published yesterday morning, suggested some slowdown

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Woolworth pays £32m for Share

By Michael Tate

Woolworth Holdings is pepping up its High Street drug-store network with a £32 million agreed takeover bid for the quoted Share Drug group. Terms offering shareholders 305p in cash or 290.8 in convertible loan stock for each share have won the blessing of Mr Alan Prince, the Share founder, chairman and managing director, and his family, who have committed holdings of 60.7 per cent.

Talks between the two companies began late in January, when Mr Prince let it be known that he was interested in selling, and Woolworth, which only entered into the drug-store business last spring *with the £233 million pur*chase of Superdrug, was swiftly installed as favourite among the potential buyers.

The acquisition of Share will lift Woolworth's share of the £3 billion toiletries and cosmetics market to around 12 per cent, from nowhere a year ago. It has emerged as the principal High Street rival to Boots, which is currently estimated to have more than 30 per cent of business.

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Union Bancorp sale likely soon

By Our Banking Correspondent

Standard Chartered, the London-based international bank, is expected to announce the sale of Union Bancorp, its Californian subsidiary, this week — possibly tomorrow when the Standard board meets to agree the deal.

The announcement will end negotiations to sell the subsidiary which have been dragging on for more than three months. Bank of Tokyo is strongly rumoured to be the buyer. Experts expect the US bank to be sold for about $800 million (£459 million).

Standard had originally hoped to sell Union together with the United Bank of Arizona but could not find a buyer. As a result it has had to dispose of the banks separately. It sold United for $200 million to Citicorp last month.

Meanwhile, Union yesterday announced unchanged profits in 1987 compared with the year before.

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New Zealand's Petrocorp bought for £300m

Bargain buy for British Gas

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

British Gas has beaten off three other companies, among them the oil giant Shell, to win control of the New Zealand Government's oil and gas company Petrocorp in a deal worth £300 million.

Agreement has been reached whereby British Gas will buy 70 per cent of the Petrocorp shares still held by the New Zealand Government, which has been attempting to ease its debt burden by selling off state-owned assets. The remaining 30 per cent was sold off in two 15 per cent tranches over a year ago and *British Gas is now* likely to pick up the entire company.

The deal, which was forecast in *The Times* two weeks ago, gives British Gas a toehold in an expanding market and control of a company which has large gas assets, sizeable proven oil reserves and the potential to make considerable profits in the next two years. The purchase price is a bargain in comparison with prices paid recently for North Sea oil and gas assets and the deal comes close on the heels of the British Gas purchase of the Canadian company Bow Valley, another firm which analysts now feel British Gas picked up at a bargain price.

Oil analyst Mr Humphrey Harrison of Banque Paribas said: "British Gas is utilizing its balance sheet and its expertise very well in this deal. The New Zealand gas industry is in its infancy and is precisely the type of company to which British Gas can add its technical know-how. It is a very good deal for British Gas and a very astute move into an area where there is enormous potential."

British Gas hopes to complete the deal by the end of March and then make a similar offer for the other 30 per cent of the shares, which would take its total spending on Petrocorp up to £430 million.

The New Zealand Government first put 15 per cent of the company on the market by tender, which resulted in the shares being bought by Sir Ron Brierley. The other 15 per cent was floated on the open market, 9 per cent being bought by the New Zealand public and 6 per cent by Swiss banking interests.

Brierley Investments said yesterday that it would consider the sale of its holding to British Gas once a formal request was made, but also disclosed that it had made an offer to the New Zealand Government for 55 per cent of Petrocorp and offered to underwrite the sale of the remaining 15 per cent to the public.

Brierley's chief executive, Mr Paul Collins, said: "My initial reaction to an offer from British Gas is no, but we will make a judgement when the time comes."

It is understood that the New Zealand Government had invited British Gas and three other companies to look over Petrocorp, the Brierley bid, another from a consortium of local businessmen and one from Shell.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 1983.26 (+21.72)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Average 24207.47 (+225.53)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2301.75 (+14.52)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 226.4 (+3.3)
Sydney: AO ..... 1210.1 (+10.8)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... Closed
Brussels:
General ..... 4410.0 (+97.0)
Paris: CAC ..... 288.4 (+3.9)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 442.5 (+7.5)
London:
FT-A All-Share ..... 892.47 (+2.81)
FT-"500" ..... 982.33 (+2.17)
FT Gold Mines ..... 261.9 (+8.0)
FT Fixed interest ..... 95.19 (–0.06)
FT Govt Secs ..... 88.31 (–0.14)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Anglia Sec ..... 422½p (+10p)
Brown Shipley ..... 435p (+10p)
Bass ..... 786p (+13p)
Body Shop ..... 905p (+20p)
Centreway ..... 100p (+10p)
M&G ..... 297½p (+25p)
Electronic Mach ..... 80p (+10p)
Reed Intnl ..... 406p (+10p)
Alumasc ..... 325p (+20p)
Highgate & Job ..... 215p (+10p)
Arlington Sec ..... 185½p (+11p)
AG ..... 362½p (+25p)
British Aerospace ..... 355p (+10p)
Perry Group ..... 210p (+20p)
VPI Group ..... 301½p (+9p)

FALLS:
Stylo ..... 290p (–70p)
Elys Wimbledon ..... 595p (–30p)
Parrish ..... 325p (–10p)
Parker Knoll 'A' ..... 685p (–10p)
Tace ..... 270p (–10p)
Closing prices

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 9%
3-month interbank 9⅝-9⅝%
3-month eligible bills:9-8⅞%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 6⁹⁄₁₆%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.75-5.74%*
30-year bonds 104¹⁰⁄₃₂-104¹⁷⁄₃₂*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7460	£: $1.7405*
£: DM2.9813	$: DM1.7115*
£: SwFr2.4505	$: SwFr1.4070*
£: FFr10.0892	$: FFr5.7795*
£: Yen226.98	$: Yen131.00*
£: Index:74.2	$: Index:95.5
ECU £0.692920	SDR £0.772003

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $443.80 pm $445.50
close $445.25-445.75 (£255.00-255.50)
New York:
Comex $445.70-446.30*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Mar.) pm $15.95bbl ($16.07)
* Denotes Friday's close

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Meyer purchases US builders' merchant

Meyer International, the builders' merchanting and timber products group, has made its fist sizeable acquisition in the United States. It has paid $16.1 million (£9.25 million) for Stottlemyer & Shoemaker which is based in Sarasota, Florida. It activities are similar to those of Meyer's British builders' merchanting chain, Jewson.

At the end of last year, Meyer bought a Florida distributor of laminated timber products for £1 million. This much larger acquisition is, however, being used by the company as a base for further expansion in the US, according to Mr Oscar DeVille, the chairman of Meyer International. "But we have not run out of opportunities in Britain," he added. More than half of Meyer's 1987-88 profits, which are expected to reach £60 million, are earned from its builders' merchanting activities.

Colloids buys French firm

Allied Colloids Group has paid £2.17 million in cash for Société Bez, a leading French water treatment company. Bez manufactures chemicals used in water conditioning just outside Paris, and has a current turnover of £5.5 million. It will take advantage of Allied's advanced technology to further its expansion.

Blacks sports shops deal

Blacks Leisure, the acquisitive retail group, has agreed to buy four sports retail units from the administrators of MC Sports & Leisure. These latest purchases will bring its total of sports units to 21. Blacks is paying £225,000 in cash plus a further consideration for the present holdings of stock in the shops at valuation.

Honeysuckle rose

USM-quoted Honeysuckle Group's broadened Christmas range of "Honey" T-shirts and women's sweaters swept the group to a 65 per cent profits increase in the six months to end-November. Mr David Serr, the chairman, reports a half-year pretax profit figure of £1.67 million against £1.01 million, on turnover that rose from £6.83 million to £10.23 million.

Earnings are 48 per cent higher than before at 13p a share, and shareholders collect a 2p interim dividend. Sales to leading stores and multiples, distributors and agents, and through the company's own stock showrooms, all increased, says Mr Serr. A new woven division has been formed and the company has launched "Honeybunch", a range of clothes for nine to 12-year-olds.

Barclayshare in £1m drive

Barclayshare, the retail stockbroking operation of Barclays Bank, yesterday announced a big advertising drive costing an initial £1 million to attract new customers. The service was launched on October 19 — Black Monday — and has attracted 1,200 customers. The low-cost service is available in all Barclays branches.

Staveley deal in America

Staveley Industries, the engineering and minerals group, is purchasing four divisions of Qualcorp, the quality control subsidiary of the United States Penn Central company, for $22 million (£12.64 million) in cash. The acquisition gives Staveley a prominent position in two specialized niches of the American measurement industry.

Stanley Leisure buys

Stanley Leisure Organisation, the fast-expanding betting shop group, is in full stride again, snapping up a chain of 11 shops in the Manchester and Yorkshire areas trading as Central Racing. Stanley Leisure — which only recently completed the takeover of a Merseyside betting shop business — is paying just under £700,000 for Central Racing. A further payment will be made, equivalent to the net current assets, when the deal goes through.

Central Racing, owned by Arthur Wilson & Central Sporting Agents, made a loss before tax of £5,100 for the year ended last October. For the current year it is expected to produce turnover of just over £3 million. In the 26 weeks to October 25, Stanley Leisure made pretax profits of £1.63 million, an increase of 25 per cent.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey	73	Coats	1,691	Land Sec	1,787	Rowntree	238
Allid-Lyons	1,583	CU	400	Laporte	235	Royal Bank	102
Amstrad	2,605	Cons Gold	176	L&G	543	Royal Ins	383
ASDA	4,404	Cookson	33	Lloyds	2,330	Saatchi	140
AB Foods	612	Courtaulds	848	Lonrho	3,064	Sainsbury	634
Argyll	424	Dalgety	585	Lucas	1,287	Scot & N	361
BAA	578	Dee	803	Magnet	262	Sears	600
BET	1,264	Dixons	746	M&S	1,571	Sedgwick	925
BTR	1,806	ECC	409	Maxwell Cm	250	Shell	155
BAT	356	Enterprise	689	MEPC	936	Smith & N	392
Barclays	459	Ferranti	2,180	Metal Box	644	STC	2,808
Bass	832	Fisons	1,526	Midland	454	Stan Chart	438
Beecham	554	Gen Acc	354	NatWest	1,760	Storehse	854
Beazer	206	GEC	3,139	Next	1,841	Sun Alince	86
BICC	3	Glaxo	736	Nth Food	188	T & N	228
Blue Arrow	372	Globe	35	P&O	271	Tarmac	270
Blue Circle	526	Granada	570	Pearl	182	Tate & Lyle	127
BOC	965	Grand Met	1,630	Pearson	230	TSB	3,065
Boots	434	GUS 'A'	83	Pilkington	557	Tesco	1,310
BPB	1,151	GRE	238	Plessey	1,446	Thorn EMI	846
Br Aero	983	GKN	752	Prudential	144	Trafalgar	1,147
Br Airways	441	Guinness	328	Racal	1,207	THF	770
Br Comm	97	Hamm 'A'	65	Rk Hovis	407	Ultramar	1,630
Br Gas	9,386	Hanson	2,737	Rank	513	Unigate	560
Br Petrol	1,292	Hawker	155	R&C	230	Unilever	230
Br Telecm	2,044	Hawley	222	Redland	213	United Bis	178
Bristol	1,056	Hillsdown	819	Reed	864	Utd News	543
Bunzl	87	IMI	1,145	Reuters	179	Wellcome	136
Burmah	480	ICI	271	RMC Gp	153	Whitbrd	131
Burton	717	Jaguar	964	RTZ	1,224	Willis Fab	34
C&W	706	Lasmo	448	R-Royce	946	Woolworth	457
Cadbury	817	Ladbroke	498	Rothmn 'B'	104	Equities page 27	

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
February 15	February 25	May 19	May 31

Call options were taken out on: 15/2/88 Rea Bros., Aurora, Blacks Leisure, Inoco, D Bryant, Bula Res., Stormgard, Control Secs., B Matthews, Wheway, Regencrest, WA Tyzack, Walter Lawrence, Norfolk Cap., Bryant Hldgs.

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TEMPUS

Commodities cast shadow over Dalgety

Critics who complain that Dalgety is a rag-bag of unrelated businesses with little strategic direction and a patchy earnings record are behind the times. After all, it now has 97 per cent of the pot noodles market.

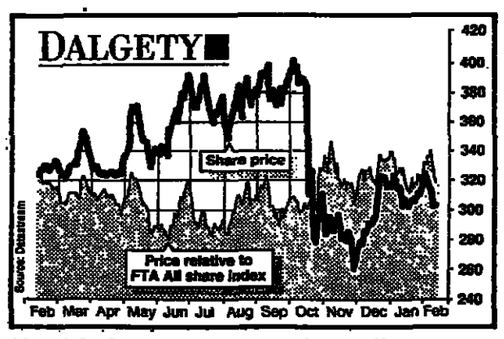
After £250 million of disposals in the last 18 months and more than £120 million re-invested in branded food businesses, Dalgety is now committed to three core activities, foods (including petfoods), agribusiness and commodities trading.

There is little quarrel with what is being done in the branded food side, which now accounts for 53 per cent of profits.

Golden Wonder, which has a 17 per cent share of the growing crisps market, has seen its manaufacturing capability concentrated in two factories in Britain rather than four, and a brand new facility in The Netherlands which opened last November. Significant benefits will start to show in the second half of 1987-88.

Dalgety is hoping to expand its snacks interests by buying Sooner Foods, the crisps subsidiary of Rowntree Mackintosh. Sooner has a 4 or 5 per cent share of the British crisps market. If Dalgety succeeds in buying Sooner, its 22 per cent market share will bring it within a whisker of the market leader, Walkers, who has 23 per cent.

Petfoods is also doing well,



although its 21 per cent market share leaves it well behind Pedigree, the market leader with a 60 per cent market share.

But the biggest question marks hang over the other half of Dalgety's operations, agribusiness and commodities

Farm surpluses mean that the cattlefood market is contracting, although Dalgety is expanding its market share. And commodities remain a depressed market, with little relief in sight.

So while the management has been working hard to reshape Dalgety into a modern, streamlined food, agribusiness and commodities group, the latter two businesses have rather let things down.

Corporate activity has benefited gearing. Borrowings are down £59 million to £210 million. Gearing is down 17 percentage points, but still remains at 60 per cent as borrowings tend to be at their peak at the half-year stage.

Analysts are looking for £100 million for the full year, implying a prospective multiple of just 10. The 6.8 per cent yield will be attractive to income funds, but wider appeal will be limited by the poor quality earnings of the commodities side of the business.

Wimpey

Sir Clifford Chetwood, chairman of George Wimpey, earned his knighthood for labours at the helm of one of Britain's biggest construction companies but he may now be frustrated about the logistics of keeping earnings moving ahead.

In the four plus years since taking charge, Sir Clifford has done much to improve Wimpey's quality of earnings. Tighter control and loss elimination have been the main factors in what should prove to be a doubling of profits between 1983 and 1987 to £90 million.

But the scope for enhancing earnings is reducing. The buoyancy of the housing market if not already subsiding is unlikely to remain as strong as it has of late, putting pressure on over half of Wimpey's earnings.

Grove Charity, set up by Wimpey's founder, Sir Godfrey Mitchell, has reduced its original stake from just under 50 per cent to 35 per cent and is constantly rumoured to be considering broadening its spread of assets.

But if it is also true that the Charity is unprepared to see its holding diluted, Sir Clifford cannot win. With gearing up to 45 per cent by the last year end, and most of the obvious housekeeping complete, earnings will stagnate without a rights issue or an acquisition for paper. Both would dilute the Grove stake.

Sir Clifford would be right to be angry if an unsatisfied Charity sold its stake to a potential predator when its aversion to dilution has arguably contributed to Wimpey's dull prospects.

As for the speculation that West Country based Beazer is looking seriously at Wimpey, it would be a big bite even for ambitious Mr Brian Beazer. Although the current capitalization of the two groups is only £150 million apart, Wimpey up for sale could fetch £1 billion, an uplift of 40 per cent on its present value.

Beazer has, however, demonstrated past skill in winning over charitable trusts when it bought housebuilder, William Leech.

Others may be sniffing around but again it all turns on the Grove Trust and there are plenty of housebuilders and contractors around of more appetising size. Speculation apart, the Wimpey share price is inflated.

Woolworth

Woolworth is hooked on drugstores. Only a week after writing a prescription for the next half decade Woolworth is taking its first shot, with the injection of the 145 Share Drug chain into its mushrooming drugstore network.

Needled perhaps by past criticism of its recovery rate since the 1983 buy-out, Woolworth's emergence as a principal player in the £3 billion non-prescription toiletries and cosmetics market has been swift. Its initial plunge was taken just a year ago, with the acquisition of Superdrug. The additions of first Tip Top and now Share have placed it in second place behind Boots.

Annual sales of up to £450 million will give it some 12 per cent of the market, compared with the 30 per cent-plus commanded by Boots. And while the consolidation taking place in the sector could be expected to lead to some slackening of pressure on price margins generally, the buying power of a Superdrug chain that will this year extend to more than 600 stores, and 1.5 million square feet, is something that will not have gone unnoticed in Nottingham.

At £32 million, the price being paid for Share is less than some forecast. Yet on the evidence of an historic 23 price/earnings ratio the price looks high. However, the Share management was expected to achieve profits of more than £3.5 million, which would have pulled the exit multiple down below 17; the Superdrug team looks capable of doing significantly better.

Superdrug sells half as much again per square foot as Share — and with margins of more than 6 per cent takes a third more profit on each sale. Clear potential here, and there will be economies on store overlap, too, presumably. Superdrug looks like producing £27 million pre-tax in the current year, a bigger contribution than Comet.

Technically the Share deal is not complete, even though approved by holders of 60.7 per cent of Share, but Woolworth's 305p appears to have seen off the opposition early on, and there should be no hiccups.

STOCK MARKET

Investors stay on sidelines as volume dips

American investors took the day off on Wall Street to celebrate George Washington's birthday but there was little cause for celebration on the London stock market where turnover levels continued to bump along on the bottom.

Not even a better-than-expected set of retail sales figures showing a rise of 0.75 per cent in January could do much to inject new life into share prices which started the second leg of the account in a subdued mood.

By the close of business a mere 248 million share had been traded on the Stock Exchange's computerized trading system — one of the lowest levels since Big Bang on October 27, 1986.

Shares were marked higher first thing by market-makers following the latest Japanese trade figures showing an encouraging rise in imports. But with New York closed, there was little follow-through and prices closed below their best levels after trading in narrow limits throughout much of the day.

The FT-SE 100 share index, having fluctuated between 4.7 and 8.6 higher, eventually closed 5.2 points better at 1,739.2. It was a similar story for the FT 30 share index which ended 4.1 up at 1,389.1.

The quiet conditions extended to the gilt market where falls of £¼ were recorded at the longer end.

Among blue chips, **British Aerospace** advanced 10p to 355p on hopes that a revaluation of its vast property assets would realize a big increase.

Bass rose 13p to 786p after one broker urged clients to switch out of Scottish & Newcastle into the shares. **Cadbury Schweppes**, the confectionery and drinks group, met with speculative support and closed 5p higher at 248p.

Hopes remain high that General Cinema of the US will soon make a full bid. It has already built up an 18.2 per cent stake in the company and has said that it is interested in lifting this to at least 25 per cent in the near future.

Tate & Lyle, the sugar group, edged forward 5p to 805p on a modest turnover of 126,000 shares.

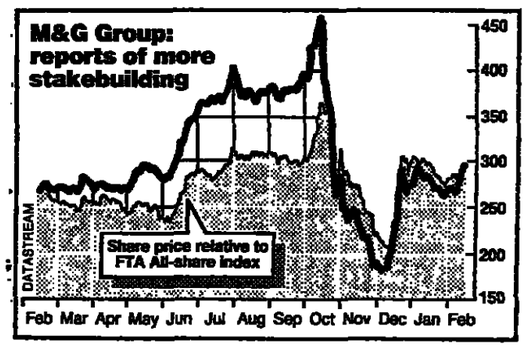
Hillsdown, the acquisitive food manufacturer to furniture group, revealed a small stake in the company recently

● Mr Michael Ward and his partner Mr Jeremy Howarth are starting to flex their financial muscle at Edenderry Group, the Dublin-based shell company. We should soon hear news of their first acquisition — a British leisure and property company. Edenderry was unchanged at 70p.

and there is talk it will continue to build up its holding before launching a full takeover.

Stakebuilding stories continued to surround **Reed International**, the paper and publishing group, as the shares advanced by 10p to 405p.

Mr Rupert Murdoch's News International holds a 2.4 per cent stake in the company, while Mr Robert Maxwell is



said to have cast a predatory eye over the group and may also own a small holding.

Tottenham Hotspur, the only football club with a full listing, gained 8p to 126p. The rise reflected optimism about the group's property development prospects.

George Wimpey, the housebuilder, touched 250p on the surprise news that CH Beazer, its rival housebuilding and construction group, has acquired a 1.4 per cent stake in the company, but then succumbed to profit-taking and closed 2p lower on balance at 245p.

Wimpey has been a strong market of late on talk that the Grove Charity Management's stake of 35 per cent in the company has been sold to a predator.

One of the biggest movers on a quiet day was **M&G Group**, the unit trust manager, which climbed 25p to 298p following suggestions that rival Britannia Arrow is about to declare a 5 per cent stake.

M&G came up several times among the new year share tips with dealers excited by talk of a possible bid emerging. This has been compounded more recently by the acquisition of a 6.8 per cent stake in the shares by Bond Corporation, the Australian brewer headed by Mr Alan Bond.

Back in January, the M&G share price stood at about 278p and has suffered from the stock market collapse and subsequent downturn in activity which, dealers claim, makes the group more vulnerable to an unwanted bid.

Last year M&G increased pretax profits from £15.5 million to £23.32 million but warned shareholders that if turnover remained depressed the group would find it difficult to match this performance. At current levels the entire group is valued at £222.6 million.

A recent optimistic forecast by Richard Ellis, a firm of leading chartered surveyors, saying that in the year to December 1988 the total return from property markets will accelerate to 26 per cent, combined with bullish views on the sector by Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, attracted investors to selected property shares.

Land Securities, which BZW reckons will be a significant beneficiary of the steep rise in City rents that has taken place over the last year because 65 per cent of its portfolio is in central London offices, stood out with a rise of 11p to 487p.

British Land, at 266p, retrieved 4p of last week's steep fall which followed the Department of Trade and Industry's announcement that it is to investigate the dealings

● Robert Horne, the paper merchant, was a firm market with the ordinary shares 7p higher at 387p, while the A put on a similar amount at 338p ahead of a visit by analysts to its Northampton headquarters. The group appears to be on target for £15 million in the current year.

of Mr John Ritblat, the chairman, in the shares of Peachey Property, while other improvements of 6p and 10p respectively were recorded in **Slough Estates**, 260p, and **MEPC**,467p.

Midland Bank rose by 7p to 407p in thin trading ahead of Thursday's full year figures.

Midland is expected to kick off the dividend season by announcing the biggest ever loss suffered by a British clearing bank. Analysts' forecast that the deficit will be anything between £371 million and £630 million against pretax profits of £434 million the year before.

County NatWest, the broker which incorporates Wood Mackenzie, takes a more bearish view and goes for a pretax loss of more than £630 million. This follows £190 million of special second-half provisions and the already announced £100 million provision for overseas debts. County NatWest also predicts an unchanged dividend.

NatWest, scheduled to report next Tuesday, improved 3p to 563p. Analysts' forecasts of pretax profit range between £740 million and £885 million against £1 billion last year.

Lloyds closed 5p dearer at 253p and Barclays ended unaltered at 465p.

A gain of 5p to 220p in **Sedgwick**, the world's third largest insurance broker, was accompanied by revived talk that its big US shareholder, Transamerica Corporation which already holds 39 per cent of Sedgwick's capital and 29 per cent of the votes, is looking to a merger.

Sedgwick is also due to report annual results on February 26. Barclays de Zoete Wedd reckons the group will achieve pretax profits of £100 million against £135.5 million.

Wood Mac, the rival broker, rates Sedgwick a sell. It says prospects for 1988 are dull

Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

WORLD MARKETS ROUNDUP: TOKYO

Nikkei passes halfway to recovery

(Reuter) — The Nikkei index passed the half-way point towards recovery yesterday as prices closed higher in modest trading on the improved December US trade figures and expectations that Japan's January trade surplus, which was due to be released after the market closed, would also be lower.

"Investors feel more confident," said Mr Moriyasu Tahara, an analyst at Schroder Securities, the market-maker, in Tokyo. "The market should be firm for the next two to three weeks."

The Nikkei index rose 225.53 points, or 0.94 per cent, to 24,207.47, after gaining 210.06 points on Friday. Advances led declines by two to one in a turnover of 650 million shares, unchanged from Friday.

The bullish sentiment helped push the index over 24,000 points for the first time since October 22 last year.

This also passes the halfway recovery mark between the market's post-October 19 crash low of 21,036.76 set on November 11 and its October 14 record high of 26,646.43.

Securities houses, communications, pharmaceuticals, non-life insurance, rubber, airlines, real estate, transport, precision instruments, electronics and retail shares led the rise. Only rolling stock issues declined slightly.

Brokers said that foreigners, securities houses and investment trusts were the main buyers and that they have switched their focus from smaller stocks to larger ones.

SINGAPORE

Lull before holidays

(Reuter) — Share prices closed higher on some buying interest and bargain hunting following higher Wall Street and Tokyo stock markets with intermittent profit-taking well absorbed, brokers said.

Sentiment was also helped by news of a better than expected US December trade deficit, but trading was quiet with small investors again dominating the market.

Most institutions continued to stay on the sidelines ahead of the forthcoming Lunar New Year holidays. Trading interest was centred mostly on Malaysian speculative and cheaper-priced issues.

The Straits Times Industrial Index showed a rise of 8.88 points to 882.05 from Friday's close of 873.17. Advances led losses by 134 to 18.

FRANKFURT

Prices expected to rise

(Reuter) — German shares firmed in quiet trading with dealers hopeful that prices would continue in an upward trend after Friday's US trade data showed a smaller deficit than expected and so boosted the dollar. "We're in a nice adjustment period," one dealer said, adding that she saw prices rising as much as 5 to 8 per cent in the next five or six weeks.

But dealers said activity was limited yesterday as parts of West Germany took the day off to celebrate Carnival and the US marked George Washington's birthday.

Cars led the way up with Daimler gaining DM9 from Friday's close to end at DM649. VW added DM4.70 to DM234 and BMW rose DM5 to DM517.

SYDNEY

Demand loses impetus

(Reuter) — The Australian share market closed higher yesterday, but below its best as strong buying demand ran out of steam in the last half hour. "Considering the good news around at the moment, the market's performance was only average," one broker said.

Early sentiment was boosted by Friday's US$5 gold price rise to about US$445 an ounce, and Wall Street's 21.7 point increase on the favourable December US trade data. But by the close the All-Ordinaries was only 10.8 points up at 1,210.1, after earlier peaking at 1,217.2.

The gold marker gained 41.5 points, or 2.9 per cent, to 1,467.6 after being more than 45 points higher. The All-Resources was 7.1 (1.1 per cent) up at 647.5, and the All-Industrials gained 15.4 to 1,956.6. National turnover was a moderate 124.02 million shares worth Aus$115.66 million (£47.2 million). Rises narrowly outnumbered falls.

HONG KONG

Investors stay away

(Reuter) — Share prices closed higher in thin trading as investors stayed on the sideline ahead of the three-day Lunar New Year holiday which starts tomorrow, brokers said.

The Hang Seng index ended the day 14.52 points higher at 2,301.75, while the broader-based Hong Kong index gained 10.58 points to 1,504.83. Turnover was a meagre HK$408.90 million (£30.06 million) against HK$489.19 million on Friday.

Brokers said HK Telecom and its warrant subjected to lukewarm pursuit in an otherwise dull market. The stock rose 15 cents to HK$7.25 and its warrant adding 35 cents to HK$2.40.

Among blue chips, Cheung Kong added five cents to HK$6.40, Hutchison 10 cents to HK$7.10 and both HK Bank and Hang Seng Bank remained unchanged at HK$6.85 and HK$27.80 respectively.

WALL STREET

Wall Street was closed yesterday for George Washington's birthday celebrations

	Feb 12	Feb 11		Feb 12	Feb 11		Feb 12	Feb 11
AMR Cp	35¾	35¾	Firestone	35⅞	34⅝	Pepsico	34⅛	34⅜
ASA	45⅝	45¾	Fst Chicago	23⅛	22⅝	Pfizer	52⅜	52⅜
Aetna Life	47	47	Fst Int Bncp	41	40½	Phelps Dod	38⅝	38⅛
Allied Signal	32⅛	33⅛	Fst Penn C	9⅜	9⅜	Philip Mor	91	90
Allis Chlm	1⅛	1⅛	FT Wachva	38⅝	38⅛	Philip Perl	14⅜	14⅜
Alcoa	44⅝	43	Ford Motor	43⅛	42⅜	Polaroid	28⅛	28⅜
Amax Inc	17⅜	17	GAF Cp	47⅞	48	Primerica	28⅛	27⅞
AMR Hess	27⅜	27⅜	GTE Cp	38⅛	38	Proct Gble	83⅜	82⅝
Am Brands	45⅝	45⅛	Gen Cp	19⅛	19⅜	Pub S E G	25⅛	25⅛
Am Cynmd	46¼	46⅝	Gn Dynam	52⅛	52⅝	Raytheon	68⅝	68⅛
Am Ele Pwr	28⅛	28⅝	Gen Electric	43¼	43⅜	Rynlds Metl	41⅝	40¾
Amoco	25⅛	25⅛	Gen Inst	29¾	29⅝	Rockwell Int	18⅜	17¾
Am Family	13¾	13⅝	Gen Mills	50	50	Royal Dutch	111	111⅜
Am Home	75	75⅛	Gen Motors	67⅜	65⅝	SFE Sopac	44¾	44⅜
Am Int Grp	57¾	57⅞	Gen Pub Ut	30⅜	30⅜	Sara Lee	40	39⅞
Am Stand	68	67¼	Genesco	4⅜	4⅜	Schlumb	34¼	34⅛
Am Telph	29⅛	29⅜	Georgia Pac	36¼	36⅛	Scott Pap	70⅛	69⅜
Amoco Cp	75	74⅜	Gillette	39¾	39⅝	Seagram	54⅝	54
Armco Steel	10⅝	10⅛	Goodrich	41⅞	42⅜	Sears Roeb	35¼	35⅝
Asarco Inc	23¼	22	Goodyear	59¼	57⅞	Shell Trans	73⅛	73⅜
Ashland Oil	57½	57¾	Gould Inc	10⅝	10½	Singer	49⅝	49⅞
Atl Richfld	77⅞	78⅜	Grace Co	27	28⅝	Smith Beck	56⅝	57⅜
Avon Prod	24⅛	24	Grt Atl Pac	36⅝	35⅝	Sony Cp	37¼	37¼
Bk Boston	24⅜	25	Greyhnd	28⅝	28	Sth Cal Ed	33⅜	33¼
Bank NY	29⅝	30⅛	Gruman	19⅛	19	SW Bell	38⅝	38¼
Banksmer	8¾	8⅝	Gulf & West	72¼	72¾	Squibb	65	64⅜
Bkrs Tst NY	35	35¼	Heinz	39¾	40⅝	Sterl Drug	88⅛	88
Baxter	23⅜	24	Hercules	48¼	47⅞	Stevens JP	45¼	46⅛
Beth Steel	18	17⅞	Hewlez Pk	57⅞	57⅜	Sun Comp	55⅛	54⅜
Boeing	47⅜	47	Honeywell	63¼	61⅝	TRW Inc	47⅛	47⅜
Boise Casc	42⅜	42	IC Ind	33¼	32⅝	Teledyne	330½	320
Borden	51⅛	51⅛	ITT Cp	46⅝	46⅛	Tenneco	39⅜	40⅛
Brist Meyr	44¼	44	INCO	20⅝	19⅜	Texaco	38⅛	37⅜
BP	54⅜	54½	Ing Rand Wl	36⅜	35⅝	Tex Eastn	25⅝	25⅞
Brunswick	17⅜	17⅜	Inland Steel	30⅜	29⅞	Texas Inst	48	47⅛
Burl Nth	64⅜	63⅜	IBM	112	111⅝	Tex Utd	30	30¼
CBS	162½	161⅛	Int Paper	40⅝	40⅜	Textron	24	24⅛
CMS Engy	16⅛	15⅝	Irving Bk	48¾	46⅛	Travelers	38⅝	38
CPC Int	45¾	44⅞	Jims&Jhns	79¾	78⅜	USG	28⅝	28⅝
CSX Cp	29⅜	28⅝	K Mart	32¾	32⅜	USX Cp	30⅜	30⅛
Camp Soup	27⅛	27	Kaiserach	10⅜	10⅛	Unilever Plc	35⅛	35⅜
Can Pacific	17⅛	17⅛	Kerr McGee	36⅝	35⅞	Un Carbide	23⅛	22⅝
Caterpillar	60⅛	60¼	Kimbrly Clrk	53	52⅝	Un Pac Cp	58⅝	58⅜
Centrl SW	32½	32¼	Kraft	55	54⅛	Unisys Cp	34⅜	34⅜
Champion	32⅜	32⅝	Kroger	28¼	28⅜	Utd Brands	45⅛	45⅛
Chase Man	22⅛	22¼	LTV Cp	3¼	3⅛	Us West	53⅜	54⅛
Chem NY	22⅜	22¼	Litton	75½	75⅜	Utd Tech	37⅜	37
Chevron	45⅝	45⅜	Lockheed	39½	39	Unocal	32⅜	32¼
Chrysler	25⅜	25⅞	Lucky Str	27¼	27⅛	Warn Lamb	78¼	78¼
Citicorp	20	19⅝	Man H'river	22½	22⅜	Wells Far	50⅛	50⅜
Clark Eq	24⅞	24⅜	Manville	2⅝	2⅝	Westg El	50⅜	50⅝
Coca Cola	36⅜	36⅝	Mapco	48⅜	48½	Weyerhsr	40⅛	40⅜
Colgate	41¼	42¼	Marriott	28⅜	28⅛	Whirlpool	28	28⅛
Columb Gas	33⅛	33	Mt Marrieta	47⅛	46	Woolworth	41⅜	41⅞
Cmb'n Eng	30⅛	29½	Masco	25⅞	25	Xerox Cp	55⅝	55⅞
Cmwlth Edi	27⅛	27½	Mcdonalds	46	45⅞	Zenith	15⅛	15⅝
Cons Edis	45⅝	45⅛	McDonnell	62¼	62			
Consol Ng	37⅞	37⅛	Mead Cp	34¾	34			
Cont Data	23⅛	23	Merck	156	157			
Corning Gl	54⅛	53⅞	Minsta Mng	58⅜	58			
Crane	25⅞	25⅝	Mobil	44	44¼			
Curtiss W	n.a	51⅜	Monsanto	85⅞	86½			
Data Genl	27½	26¾	Montedison	8½	n.a			
Deere Cp	38⅞	39¼	Morgan Jp	35¾	35⅝			
Delta Airl	44¾	45⅞	Motorola	44¼	44¼			
Detroit Edi	14	14⅛	NCR	60⅛	59⅝			
Digital Eq	119⅜	120	NL Indstrs	6¾	6⅝			
Disney	58¾	58¾	Nat Md Ent	19⅝	20			
Dow Chem	82½	82	Nat Semi	10⅜	10⅝			
Dressr Ind	28½	28	Norfolk Sth	27⅞	27			
Dupont	82¾	81½	NW Bancrp	44	44⅛			
Duke Pwr	46⅜	46⅛	Occid Petl	26⅝	26⅜			
East Kodak	42⅜	41⅞	Ogden Cp	29⅜	30⅛			
Eaton Cp	69⅝	69⅛	Olin Cp	46½	44⅞			
Emerson El	32	32⅛	PPG Ind	35¾	34⅝			
Emery Air	6⅝	6⅝	Pac Gas El	17⅛	17⅞			
Exxon	40⅞	40⅝	Pan Am	2¾	2¾			
Farah Inc	7⅛	7⅜	Penney JC	44⅝	44⅜			
Fedders	7½	7⅝	Pennzoil	68¾	68⅝			

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnico Eag	17	16
Alcan Alum	33½	32¾
Algoma Stl	16.25	15.75
Can Pacific	22	21¾
Cominco	14½	14¾
Con Bathrst	17¾	17
Hawk S Can	18	18½
Hud Bay M	20	19¾
Imasco	26¼	25¾
Imperial Oil	57¾	58
Int Pipe	42½	42
Royl Trstco	14¼	14
Seagram	68	68¼
Sneico 'A'	36¾	35¾
Thmsn N 'A'	26½	26½
Varity Cp	3.30	3.30
WCT	16¾	16¾
Weston	30¾	30¾

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Enterprise Oil 'encouraged' by discovery in Lincolnshire

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

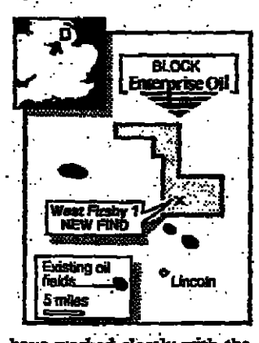
A new onshore oil discovery has been made in Lincolnshire by Enterprise Oil, the independent oil company formed by the Government from the oil assets previously held by British Gas.

Enterprise has found oil at West Firsby, within sight of the spires of Lincoln Cathedral, and initial test wells have produced 864 barrels a day. Flow rates of that size indicate the discovery could be commercially developed.

The oil has been found at a depth of 6,000 ft, close to the existing BP oilfield at Welton, which went into commercial production two years ago, and in an area where oil was first discovered immediately after the war. The Welton field is the second most productive onshire field in Britain, after the BP Wytch Farm field.

Under the rules governing onshore oil developments, Enterprise now has to seek permission for an appraisal licence from the Department of Energy, and planning permission for the work from Lincolnshire County Council. A further appraisal well could be drilled this year, and if flow rates are confirmed an application for development approval could follow by the end of the year.

Enterprise is unlikely to encounter much local opposition to its development plans. The county council and other planning authorities have worked closely with the BP onshore team based in Nottinghamshire, and have developed ways of bringing oil into production without affecting the local environment. Enterprise is likely to benefit from the environmental success of the fields already in operation in the area.



Mr Graham Hearne, the Enterprise chief executive, said yesterday: "This well result is very encouraging. The flow rate is high by the standard of other onshore discoveries. To have found what looks like a significant commercial discovery with only our third exploration well is good news for Enterprise and our partners."

The licence is held by Enterprise, which has 46.67 per cent; Pict Petroleum, 20 per cent; Carless Exploration, 13.33 per cent; Industrial Scotland Energy, 13.33 per cent; and Marinex Petroleum, 6.67 per cent.

Although potential daily output from the field is small in comparison to North Sea standards, costs are dramatically lower, and distribution of oil from the field could be possible through a pipeline linking it with the BP rail facilities at Welton, which takes the oil to the complex of refineries on South Humberside.

Recent onshore oil exploration has been concentrated in the Hampshire and Dorset areas, but planning problems there have slowed the pace of development. In Lincolnshire, where onshore oil was first discovered, there have been fewer problems in obtaining planning permission, so the West Firsby field stands a fair chance of being brought on stream.

Peachey accused in Epic defence

By Cliff Feltham

Peachey Property Corporation was yesterday accused of trying to buy the smaller Estates Property Investment Company (Epic) "at a knockdown price".

Epic, which owns a portfolio of industrial properties, took the unusual step of issuing its defence before Peachey has sent its own offer document.

In it, Epic is forecasting an 11 per cent rise in pretax profits for this year of £4.2 million and gives a net asset value a share of 288p. This compares with Peachey's offer worth 243p.

Mr Geoffrey Barnett, of merchant bankers Baring Brothers, who are advising Epic, said: "There have been a number of approaches from other companies which we are considering, and as we have information available we thought we should make all shareholders aware of it without delay. This may be the first time a company has published a defence before seeing an offer document from the other side."

Epic said its growth prospects were the sign of a strong property market "which the directors believe is the result of a scarcity of good quality floorspace and investors' revived interest in the sector".

Peachey yesterday reacted cooly towards the Epic defence, describing the fully diluted net asset value of 258p as "disappointing".



Setting his sights high: Terry Pryce in London yesterday. (Photograph: James Morgan)

Buoyant Dalgety produces record £47m interim profit

By Carol Ferguson

Dalgety, the food and commodities group, was in a buoyant mood yesterday when it reported record results for the half year to December 31, 1987. Pretax profits rose by 11 per cent to £47.4 million on turnover which was 8 per cent lower at £2.3 billion.

There was some disappointment among analysts that the 6p interim dividend was not increased. But Mr Terry Pryce, the chief executive, said that it was not the group's custom to raise the interim dividend. It had only been done in the past to reduce the disparity between the interim and final dividends, and the group reviewed the dividend at the year end.

Earnings per share rose 5 per cent to 13.6p, and the share price slipped 6p to 295p.

Mr Pryce said that the group was now almost exclusively food and agriculture, with such brand names as Golden Wonder, Pot Noodle, and Kennomeat which were either market leaders or number two. "We are adding value from the farm gate to the back door of the supermarket, restaurant or hotel," he said.

He said that he was still looking for acquisitions, and that US opportunities are looking better than they have for some years. "We can now make acquisitions that give a proper return for shareholders, and now you will see us expand in the US", he said. Mr Pryce expressed confidence that Dalgety's most recent US acquisition, Oshita International, could expand in Europe. It has a new cleaning process which significantly extends the shelf life of fruit and vegetables.

"The process cleans off all the bacteria and mould which would cause deterioration from external sources, making the produce superclean," he said.

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NatWest predicts fall in UK growth

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Britain's growth rate will slow sharply this year, but will still rank among the highest in Western Europe, a forecast from the National Westminster Bank says.

The forecast, contained in a new publication *Western Europe Review*, is for a slowdown in growth in Britain to 2.4 per cent this year from 4.2 per cent last year.

This is mainly due to more muted growth in consumer spending, expected to grow by 3.5 per cent after a 5.2 per cent rise last year, and a poorer performance from exports.

The forecast is for a 3.4 per cent increase in export volumes, after a 5.8 per cent increase last year, and a widening of the current account deficit from £2.7 billion to £4 billion.

Base rates are expected to rise to 9.5 per cent later in the year, as the authorities act to counter inflationary and balance of payments pressures. Even so, the pound is forecast to fall gradually against the mark, to DM2.72 by the end of next year.

In spite of this year's slowdown, Britain's growth rate will comfortably exceed the European average, National Westminster says. Growth in the European Economic Community is forecast to be 1.8 per cent, and in the non-EEC countries 1.6 per cent.

Growth next year is expected to continue at a slow pace, with the EEC forecast to expand by 1.7 per cent.

Only three of the smaller European economies – Spain, Portugal and Finland – will exceed Britain's growth performance this year, Mr David Kern, National Westminster's chief economist, said. Both Germany and France are expected to grow by 1.5 per cent this year.

"Economic growth in Western Europe is forecast to remain slow," the *Review* says. "Although the direct consequences of the stock market crash will be more muted in Europe than in the US, indirect effects, including slower growth in world trade and downward pressure on the US dollar, will be significant."

Nortel sells telecom and data interests

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Canada's Northern Telecom (Nortel) is selling for about £35 million its British telecommunications and data systems businesses to Britain's STC, in which Nortel has a near 28 per cent stake.

STC is Britain's second biggest electronics company and includes the ICL computer concern.

The deal is seen as the first substantial development in what is expected to be a series of partnership moves designed to increase the competitiveness of both Nortel and STC, in tough world markets for telecommunications and computer data systems.

The deal includes some European data systems and operations in The Netherlands, France, Italy, Switzerland and Belgium. But a number of Nortel's European interests are excluded, including some research activities in Britain and Northern Telecom Europe.

When Nortel built up its £450 million stake in STC last October, STC signalled its intention to buy 40 per cent of Northern Telecom plc, Nortel's British main arm, to demonstrate its commitment to the new partnership.

In subsequent discussions it was decided it would make more business sense to move to a complete takeover of the arm which employs about 750 people in Britain, and has estimated annual sales of just over £55 million.

It means STC gains a wider product range in telecommunications equipment selling in the British market. The data transmission side will strengthen STC's European drive through additional products, a wider customer base and another distribution channel. One of the gains for Nortel, anxious to increase its presence in European markets, will be product sales.

Another departure at County

Mark Potashnick – the man who replaced Brian Winterflood as head of market-making at County NatWest incorporating Wood Mackenzie – has also resigned. Potashnick, aged 39, who had been with Winterflood's jobbing firm Bisgood Bishop for 19 years, handed in his notice on Friday, and fully concurs with the official line that "the parting is amicable". He told me yesterday: "It's not just the party line. The decision was driven by me – like one or two other people in the City I have decided that I want to explore other market niches." As a gesture of goodwill, Potashnick – who first made a name for himself on Bisgood's shipping pitch – will be staying at his County office until the end of next month, and while he admits to having received "several" offers of employment he says he has still not decided exactly what he will be doing. "For some time now I have been increasingly detached from the trading floor, and I want to get back to being more hands-on," he says. "But I have not yet agreed to anything – in fact I may well decide to do something on my own." His departure will, however, coincide with the return of Winterflood from a cricketing holiday in Australia. The top market-making job at County has, meanwhile, been split between two employees – Geoffrey Green, from Bisgood and Colin Mills from Wood Mac. Stay tuned for more developments . . .

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Port in a storm

Antony Pilkington, chairman of the glass company, last night accepted an engraved cut-glass port decanter at a star-studded reception at the Savoy Hotel, after being voted City Personality of the Year. The award, sponsored jointly by accountancy firm Grant Thornton and the London *Evening Standard*, was presented by John Chiene, chairman of County NatWest Securities incorporating Wood Mackenzie, after the judges decided that Pilkington deserved it for having seen off a bid from BTR. That was almost exactly a year ago and BTR, which never sold its stake, can now return to the fray any time it chooses. Some in the City say that is exactly what it is about to do. Surely the judges could not be deliberately tempting fate?

The Charmer

There's been no word, but I'm prepared to bet that a queue of pension policy-clutching executives was forming outside Ian Chalmers' new office at Quilter Financial Services – the financial services arm of Quilter Goodison – as soon as news of his appointment broke last week. Chalmers, aged 49, who parted company with BZW last December, had looked after the staff pension fund there and turned £2 million into £28.5 million in just nine years. At QFS he will be responsible for developing a management service for self-employed and personal pensions which will eventually be linked to clients' other investments, such as unit trusts, to provide an overall investment service.



"I always thought a market regulatory mechanism was a telephone off the hook."

Lee backed

Lee Iacocca, the chairman of Chrysler, has been suggested as a potential presidential candidate by some members of corporate America. In a poll of 161 chief executives of the Fortune Industrial 500 companies, 3 per cent said Iacocca would be a popular addition to the list of candidates. Of those questioned, 90 per cent said a Republican would be the next President.

Leaving the field

It is heartening to hear, in these transient times, that not all stockbrokers who leave the City simply fade away. Retiring at the end of this month – at the ripe old age of 50 – is Keith Sheppard, a divisional director of Hoare Govett and perhaps better known for being secretary of the Stock Exchange rugby club. Complaining that "since Big Bang, stockbroking is no longer the fun it once was", Sheppard is, I hear, planning to fulfil an earlier ambition, frustrated by national service, to read Philosophy and English Literature at Warwick University. He will, as it happens, be starting at university at the same time as his youngest son, Stephen, currently in the midst of his A-levels. An all-round broker, Sheppard has served time both as a fund manager and an analyst. After more than 30 years with Hoare Govett he has also earned a reputation for being a talented script-writer and mimic, taking off the firm's partners to a tee – a talent that has not always won him friends. Finishing as he means to go on, he will, I hear, be speaking at the rugby club's dinner on February 26, his last day in the City, before embarking on a two-week Far Eastern tour as manager of the Stock Exchange side.

● At Cruft's Dog Show a tale was overheard about the time Joan Collins starred in *The Bitch*. A man at the press preview was asked which paper he represented. "*Dog World*," he replied.

Carol Leonard

Setback for Benedetti in Belgian bid

Signor Carlo de Benedetti, the Italian businessman, suffered another sharp setback in his bid to take over Société Générale de Belgique yesterday after share prices in the company rose to 4,730 francs (£75.68) on the Brussels bourse.

Although it was unclear who was behind the buying, it was thought that Signor de Benedetti's opponents might be trying to push up prices in order to spoil his public offer for 15 per cent of La Générale's shares at 4,000 francs a share.

The Italian entrepreneur claimed that he and his allies had 38 per cent of the voting shares in Belgium's largest holding company and that he intended to take more than 50 per cent. However, if his offer fails, he may be unable to win a majority stake and take control of the board.

£4.3m profit for Merrett

Merrett Holdings, the Lloyd's underwriting and insurance services group, made pretax profits of £4.3 million in the nine months to September 30, compared with £5.3 million for the whole of last year.

Coates stake

The French chemicals group, CdF Chimie, has received acceptances of 87.4 per cent for its partial share offer for Coates, the industrial inks group. The deal will give Chimie – a holding of 39.7 per cent.

COMMENT David Brewerton

Barker's Low road to victory at Dee

In the battle for Dee Corporation, Barker & Dobson totters on the brink of defeat. Dee has not fully earned its independence but it is unlikely that Mr John Fletcher, B&D's chairman, will be able to untie the apron strings of Grocer Alec Monk. The wind is blowing gently in B&D's direction, but unless the forecasters get it wrong again, it will not build up enough strength to blow half the Dee capital into B&D's hands by 1pm on Friday.

Dee has made one fabulous error, not of direction but of timing. It bought Hermans, the American sports shop chain, for a high price, against stiff opposition, and then expanded it without knowing that a susbstantial number of the shops were immature and not making an adequate return. There were simply not enough established cash and profit generators in the old Hermans to carry the new branches.

Dee could have risen above that if it had not then grasped the opportunity to buy Fine Fare from Associated British Foods. Hermans was the mistake, rather than Fine Fare, but having done the Hermans deal Mr Monk should have let Fine Fare go elsewhere. Had he bought Fine Fare first, he would not even have looked at Hermans. Now he is stuck with two under-performers in a stock market environment which looks only to the next set of figures.

In time, two or even three years, Dee may be able to pull both Hermans and the grocery business into shape. Last week there was a "misunderstanding" about whether or not Mr Monk had said £300 million was a profit target – if it isn't, it should be. Meanwhile, the forecast for the current year is £185 million.

Dee's problem is one of mistiming rather than mismanagement, and is it not odd that John Fletcher of B&D has been led into the self-same trap? His little company is doing well and the estimate of profits of £13 million from a small base earns him high praise. He is already worrying, however, about his encore. Analysts are saying the next stop has to be £18 million, a figure which looks beyond the reach of B&D as it currently stands.

So Mr Fletcher has opted for "the deal," but just like Mr Monk has set his sights too ambitiously. Financing of the package stretches both the imagination and the balance sheet, while the price he has already set on the superstore disposals, £750 million, is one from which he may have to retreat. Somebody should have told him that prices of second-hand goods in shop windows get lower with haggling, not higher.

Most of the potential buyers of the superstores are already busy with their own projects. Tesco is having an uphill struggle bedding down Hillards while Argyll is happily working on Operation Safeway. Sainsbury has a huge store expansion programme and in any case demands higher quality real estate than most of the Gateway superstores. Asda? One buyer does not sound much of an auction. Any of them may still buy, but on their own terms.

Mr Fletcher has been bounced into premature action by the demands of the stock market and because Citibank, which had already given Dee the once-over when it proposed a management buyout to Grocer Monk and his merry men, came along with a fat, open, cheque-book.

Mr Fletcher would be well advised to relax the fight at this stage, and instead return to his original idea to bid for William Low, the Scottish supermarketeers. Low would add bulk to the slim framework built up at B&D. At a cost of maybe £120 million (Low is currently capitalized at £73 million, but Mr Fletcher could be generous), he would collect a decent asset base and double his profits. He could spend a year showing off his management skills and push the B&D market value to £350 million or more. Mr Fletcher already knows all about Low, and has a dossier containing a photograph of every store.

In the meantime, Dee will either dig itself deeper into the mire of investor disappointment or will pick itself up. If it is the former, such will be the mood of the institutional investors, including Associated British Foods with its 15 per cent stake, that Mr Monk would be persuaded to talk merger with a larger B&D on sensible terms.

Meanwhile, Dee shareholders should give Mr Monk the benefit of the doubt and allow him to fight another day. But they should insist he finds a buyer for Hermans and concentrates on licking Gateway into shape.

Challenge for Chancellor

If the Chancellor was hoping for some pause in the economy's headlong progress in order to make tax-cutting more respectable he will have been disappointed by the January retail sales figures.

The rise of 8.8 per cent in the volume of sales over the past year exaggerates the trend because a year ago most of the country's high streets were snow-bound. But there is no confirmation in these figures of the slowdown in sales reported in December. After falling 0.1 per cent in the final month of 1987, last month saw renewed growth after seasonal adjustment of 0.75 per cent.

The increase is bigger than expected and prompted some selling in the gilts market when the figures were announced yesterday. Although it is unlikely to tip the balance in favour of another rise in interest rates the news clearly falls on that side of the scales.

As far as retail demand is concerned this is effectively the last information Mr Lawson will have before the Budget. The February figures will not be available until the day before the Budget is delivered – too late to influence any last-minute decisions. The best guide to the immediate future lies in the latest survey of the distributive trades by the Confederation of British Industry which, not for the first time, indicates some future slowing down.

By itself the news from the high street is unlikely to change the Chancellor's decisions, but it will do nothing to dissuade him from producing a fiscally cautious package on March 15. The challenge will be to produce radical tax reforms to help the economy within the self-imposed constraints of a borrowing requirement close to nil.

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Hollywood stands by for war over stake in MCA

From Ivor Davis
Los Angeles

News that Mr Donald Trump, the flamboyant New York investor, may seek up to 24.9 per cent of MCA, the parent of Universal Studios, promises a battle that could overshadow anything a Hollywood script writer might dream up.

MCA, the entertainment conglomerate, has been ruled with an iron hand by Mr Lew Wasserman, who was once the agent of President Ronald Reagan when he was an actor. Mr Wasserman, aged 74, is considered the last of the old-style Hollywood moguls who has run the company unchallenged for 42 years.

Mr Trump, once known only as a builder of designer-label buildings including Manhattan's Trump Tower and Trump Plaza, has become something of a business folk hero lately with a best-selling autobiography and a growing reputation in the volatile take-over market.

He owns two casino hotels in Atlantic City and is building a third. His bid could trigger a financial wrestling match pitting Mr Wasserman, the old master, against the most colourful entrepeneur of the 1980s.

As analysts in Los Angeles and New York were speculating just what the Trump bid might mean, MCA price jumped $5.25 a share on the news as some predicted Mr Trump's action could trigger a chain of events leading to the sale or possible breakup of the company.

MCA assets include the film factory, its successful studio and ampitheatre, a leading record company, publishing and broadcasting operations, a toy company and 50 per cent of a large film theatre chain.

Outwardly, MCA reacted calmly to Mr Trump's action calling no summit of top executives over the long holiday weekend which ended last night. The company, based in Universal City Hollywood, shored up its anti-takeover defences last summer and has a bank borrowing capacity exceeding $1.7 billion.



Donald Trump: taking on Lew Wasserman, the last of the old-style film moguls

Mr Wasserman, the chairman, has long vowed that he would never pay "greenmail" or a premium over the market price to rid the company of an unwanted investor. He was not available for comment over the weekend.

"If he said it in 1984, I assure you he means that in 1988," said Mr Sidney Sheinberg, MCA's president and chief operating officer and Mr Wasserman's right hand man.

According to MCA's brief announcment, Mr Trump said he had filed with the federal anti-trust agencies in order to comply with legal requirements.

Industry observers believe Mr Trump may be after MCA's large property holdings and not the film studios.

Mr Trump's current holding of 375,000 MCA shares or less than 1 per cent appears small. By contrast, Mr Wasserman owns about 7 per cent of the company and wields some control over an additional 8 per cent. Until last summer he seemed unassailable. But a three-week stay in hospital triggered rumours of ill health, resulting in share price fluctuatation.

Like many other companies, MCA's shares took a beating in the October market crash.

Mr Alan Kassan, an analyst at Shearson, Lehman, Hutton, noted, said: "MCA is rich in quality assets, and the company has not been able to translate them into earnings."

Indeed in the past year, although Universal's television arm has continued to produce winning shows, the film division has not had a box office hit in films that have ranged from Sir Richard Attenborough's *Cry Freedom* to Steven Spielberg's *Batteries Not Included*.

GEC in £165m Chinese project

By Our City Staff

A £165 million contract for the design and supply of a coal-fired power station at Yue Yang, in China's Hunan Province, has been won by GEC Turbine Generators, it was announced yesterday.

Subcontractors for the deal will include FKI-Babcock, which will supply the two coal-fired boilers, and LG Mouchel and Partners, which will carry out the civil engineering.

GEC will provide two 362-megawatt turbine generators, other mechanical and electrical equipment and will be responsible for plant commissioning, the company said.

The first Yue Yang unit under this contract is due to go into service in 1990, the second six months later.

The main source of funding will be a British development loan arranged under terms agreed between Britain and China in May 1986. The loan will be arranged by Chase Manhattan Corp's Chase Manhattan Investment Bank. Further finance will be in the form of a British grant.

This is the second big contract that GEC has won in China in the past two years. In 1986, it signed for part of the Daya Bay nuclear power station. The two contracts are the largest ever signed between China and a UK firm, GEC said.

PLM soars

PLM, the Swedish packaging group, almost trebled pretax earnings from Kr69.4 million (£6.4 million) to Kr203.5 million in the year to December, on sales up from Kr4,005 million to Kr4,218 million.

Bitterness over 'insider' inquiry on Wall Street

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The first anniversary of the highly dramatic arrests on Wall Street that rocked the New York financial establishment has been celebrated with an exchange of bitter recriminations over the insider trading probe.

Attorneys for Mr Robert Freeman, the Goldman Sachs executive accused of violations, issued a statement damning the leaks and innuendoes that have damaged the reputations of high-level Wall Street officials during the slow pace of the probe.

US government prosecutors have been criticized strongly for acting hastily, on the basis of inadequate evidence, in making the arrests and filing charges that were later dismissed while it prepared new, broader charges. So far, the case has not moved forward.

"One year later, after the lives of the men under investigation and their families have been turned upside down, they find themselves victimized by anonymous accusers. This raises some disturbing questions about how our justice system is operating," the attorneys said.

They referred specifically to an article that appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, which appeared to link Mr Freeman to a number of questionable trades based on an investigation by the newspaper's staff.

The Wall Street arrests, which also included those of Mr Timothy Tabor and Mr Richard Wigton — a respected official of Kidder, Peabody who was led away in handcuffs — resulted in the filing of insider trading charges that were later dismissed by government prosecutors.

The office of Mr Rudolph Giuliani, the US prosecutor in charge of the government's case, issued a statement at the time, vowing to file broader charges that would make the first appear "merely as the tip of an iceberg".

Last week, when it outlined specific trades allegedly involving Mr Freeman, the head of arbitrage at Goldman Sachs, *The Wall Street Journal* said it had found evidence of the broader "iceberg". The newspaper also stated that the US attorney's office in New York was about to file the new charges.

Both Goldman Sachs and attorneys for Mr Freeman vigorously denied the allegations, which they said were based on inaccurate, leaked information taken out of context.

"Key assertions of alleged facts are incorrect. Many others are misleading in that they either have been leaked out of context, which would give them a different meaning, or contain innuendoes of illegality where there was no wrongdoing," Goldman Sachs said in a statement.

The verbal and written exchanges were the talk of Wall Street, which has grown impatient with the government's slowness in resolving the insider trading charges sparked by the revelations of Ivan Boesky.

Japanese trade surplus falls 28%

From Our Correspondent
Tokyo

Japan had a $3.07 billion (£1.76 billion) global trade surplus in January, down by 28.7 per cent from the $4,310 million surplus in January 1987, the Japanese Ministry of Finance announced yesterday.

The ministry added that the decline was the ninth successive monthly fall recorded in Japan's trade surplus when calculated on a year-to-year basis.

It said that imports rose by 33.9 per cent to $14,190 million while exports rose by 15.8 per cent to $17,270 million.

The smaller surplus was due mainly to increased imports of manufactured products, including a greater number of European cars and growing imports of fuels, textiles and steel.

A fall in exports of cars and video cassette recorders also contributed to the smaller trade surplus, the Ministry suggested.

In a separate report, the Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry said that contract-based exports in the month rose by 12 per cent from the same month a year ago to $16,930 million and contract-based imports grew 29 per cent to $11,000 million.

Marketing switch at newsprint firms

By Our City Staff

The Swedish and Norwegian paper mills which have jointly marketed newsprint in Britain for the past 18 years, have decided to separate from July.

Press Papers, the company which is based in London and which has acted as the Scandinavians' joint agent since 1970, accounting for about 22 per cent of the British market last year, is considered to have outlived its purpose and will be dissolved.

Mr Eric Ljung, its company secretary, said yesterday that the move came in response to the paper mills' increased confidence in their ability to sell their own products and was not the result of pressure being brought on Press Papers by the competition authorities.

The company was one of the key players in the series of price rises the industry put through for newsprint last year. The increases were contained by the newspaper industry, but have this year started to feed through into higher retail prices.

Last year's price rises provoked a request from the Newspaper Publishers' Association for an investigation of a possible pricing cartel among the newsprint suppliers. A spokesman for the Office of Fair Trading said yesterday that no conclusions had been reached, but the matter was not closed.

In a letter to its clients, Press Papers wrote that significant changes within the national and provincial press called for a positive change in the method of marketing and distribution of all grades of printing paper.

Press Papers' four parent companies, Nornews, Holmen, SCA and Stora, will from July 1 market their newsprint through their own British sales subsidiaries, it said. They will absorb the present activities of Press Paper and the majority of its workers.

CBS/Sony reshuffle

Tokyo (Reuter) — CBS/Sony Group, a 100 per cent subsidiary of Sony Corp, will merge and absorb four wholly-owned affiliates on March 21, a company spokesman said.

The unification of Sony Video Software International Corp, CBS/Sony, EPIC/Sony and CBS/Sony Records would create a unit better able to respond to emerging digital technologies and audio/visual software, he said. The merger is the first big reorganization of CBS/Sony since the January 5 completion by Sony Corp of a $2 billion buy-out of CBS Records.

Airport Skis flying high on the slopes

By Ronald Faux

The business began, as many good business ideas begin, with two simple questions. What single point do half a million or more skiers walk past each year? And what do skiers uniquely require?

That is how Airport Skis was born, dispensing more than 12,000 pairs of skis, boots and ski-sticks at Gatwick and Manchester airports, and through franchise operations at Moss Bros in central London and an outdoor sports specialist in Basildon.

From launch point three ski seasons ago turnover increased 65 per cent last year and is on course to double next year. Mr Robert Jaffe, the company chairman, is preparing to sign an order at the International Ski Show in Munich this month for new skis with a retail value of £1 million.

He said: "We work on the principle of buying new, high quality equipment at the start of each season and selling everything off at less than half price at the end. With such a large order we can get the keenest price from the manufacturers.

"A conservative estimate is that Britain has 750,000 active skiers, only one-third of them owning their own skis. That means that half a million people hire their equipment for an average of £30 a week, which makes a £15 million a year market, most of which goes to rental companies abroad."

Expansion to other regional airports including Birmingham, Glasgow and Bristol is under negotiation, as well as a return to Luton Airport when planning permissions have been arranged.

The commercial philosophy behind the business rests on Mr Jaffe's convictions that for the average skier who spends one or two weeks a year on skis, renting makes best sense.

The basic equipment offered for £33 a week would cost nearly £300 to buy. Test skis or "dream" skis worth £450 are offered at up to £49 a week. "It is surely better not to have that kind of money locked up in your attic most of the year and to have brand new equipment, the latest the manufacturers are offering, every season. To me it makes good sense."

The company has a permanent staff of four and about 40 part-time ski enthusiasts employed at the hire centres. Customers offer a stockinged foot for measurement, a boot is supplied and fitted to skis of the required length.

Mr Jaffe said: "It has been really hectic recently and we've had a few problems because of the pressure, but we reckon to be charging half what a skier would have to pay for the same standard of equipment at a fashionable resort in France or Switzerland."

The company guarantees to refund the hire cost if boots prove to be too uncomfortable and new ones have to be hired locally.

Damage is accepted philosophically, especially in a season that began with a sparse covering of snow and a graveyard of rocks protruding through the piste. He added: "It is something we have to accept. After all that is why many people prefer to hire rather than using their own equipment — but we do have a servicing workshop that can revive skis that have had a severe battering."

APPOINTMENTS

Molins names new managing director

Molins: Dr Michael Wright has been made group managing director.

Embassy Hotels: Mr Derek Herbert has become managing director.

Hazell Watson & Viney: Mr Martin Grant has been appointed to the board as personnel director.

IBM PC User Group: Dr Alan Solomon succeeds Mr Ian Fraser as chairman.

Thames Board & Workington Sawmills: Mr Jorgen Nordin, Mr Lennart Svensson and Mr Ake Wikstrom have joined the board.

Druces & Attlee: Mr Charles Attlee has been made managing partner.

Harris/3M Document Products: Mr Bill Wright has been made managing director and regional director, UK and Ireland.

Touche Ross: Mr Frederick Goodwin and Mr David Shearer have joined the partnership and Mr Robert Wightman joins as a tax partner in Touche Ross Services.

Spring Ram Corp: Mr John Smith has been named non-executive director.



Dr M Wright: Named group managing director of Molins

Sound Diffusion: Mr Terry Huggins has been promoted to the board and is appointed group managing director.

MTM: Dr David Fyfe has been made managing director from May 1. Mr Paul Hudson has been named executive chairman of MTM Chemicals.

Barclayshare: Mr Mike Saul has been made deputy chief executive.

Management Horizons Holdings: Mr George Wallace has been made chief executive. Mr George Adams joins as an executive director.

Kalon Group: Mr Mike Hennessy becomes group managing director.

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ABN	9.00%
Adam & Company	9.00%
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Hong Kong & Shanghai	9.00%
Lloyds Bank	9.00%
Nat Westminster	9.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	9.00%
TSB	9.00%
Citibank NA	9.00%

MAM has Useful holding

Mercury Asset Management, the independently quoted investmmem management arm of SG Warburg, the merchant bank, has built up a stake of just over 15 per cent in Mr Andrew Lloyd Webber's Really Useful Group.

The stake is held in several funds managed or advised by MAM, and largely represents continuous buying over the past six months, mainly by pension funds. With Really Useful's shares standing at 557p yesterday the stake is worth about £9.2 million, and constitutes almost one third of the Really Useful shares in public hands.

The holding was not disclosed earlier since none of the MAM funds individually had acquired 5 per cent

The stake is clearly a passive one since Mr Lloyd Webber and the Really Useful managing director Mr Brian Brolly between them own more than 50 per cent.

Institutions largely stayed away when Really Useful was floated on the stock market in January 1986.

Fall in aluminium stock lifts prices to an eight-year high

By Colin Narbrough

News that the London Metal Exchange's aluminium stocks have fallen sharply pushed prices for the metal to their highest level for eight years.

Aluminium for three-month delivery climbed to $2,030 (£1,164) per tonne, a rise of $105 since the closing price on Friday.

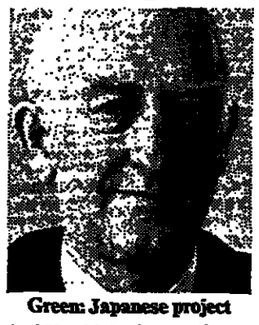
The price surge came as Mr Christopher Green, the LME board chairman, was briefing the press on his visit to Japan last week.

He had gone there to study the possibility of opening up LME warehouse facilities for aluminium.

It was a large shipment of high-grade aluminium from the LME's Singapore warehouse — believed to be destined for Japan — that accounted for most of the 16,800 tonne drop in LME stocks last week.

This left stocks at 44,250 tonnes, the lowest level for nearly seven years.

Yesterday's gains saw three-month aluminium breach the important chartpoint of $1,950, with traders starting to look for it reaching the $2,250 level.



Green: Japanese project

At the end of last year, total non-socialist world stocks were at their lowest level since July 1974, while recent market surveys point to demand staying firm for the first half of this year.

Mr Green made clear that establishing LME warehouses in Japan was expected to attract a greater volume of business for aluminium, as it would open the way to greater hedging activity by small and medium-sized Japanese firms.

Although it is impossible to put figures on the likely boost the warehouses would give LME turnover, the fact that Japan consumes some 2 million tonnes of world output of about 13 million indicates the international clout of the Japanese.

The LME wants to open warehouses in Japan as soon as possible, but legal changes required before the scheme can proceed will not be completed until April next year.

Japan's dual concern with the warehouse issue and the development of a Japanese metal exchange has meanwhile aroused concern among LME board members, who fear that too strong a linkage could mean unnecessary holdups to extending the LME warehouse facilities to the Japanese market.

Mr Green underlined that plans for a JME were still at a very early stage.

While offering to make LME know-how available, he was careful not to take sides in the battle between Tokyo and Osaka over which city should be home to the new exchange.

British electrical goods boom

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

British makers of domestic electrical appliances have captured a bigger share in crucial sectors in the home market while also boosting exports.

This encouraging picture emerges from the 1987 trade figures from the Association of Manufacturers of Domestic Electrical Appliances (Amdea) whose director-general, Mr Jim Collis, said: "The UK appliance-makers have enjoyed another outstanding year, particularly in exports."

The British makers of the elctrical appliances, known in the trade as white goods, increased exports of tumble-dryers last year by 63 per cent, two key markets being France and West Germany. Sales of British-made refrigerators abroad rose 59 per cent while fridge-freezer exports also increased by just over 27 per cent. Exports of British-made automatic washing machines rose 42 per cent.

Technology leads by British makers in instant water heaters have led to an exports boost, with 60 per cent of the Singapore market for this equipment being supplied from Britain. The Taiwan market is also being penetrated despite Japanese competition.

TheBritish manufacturers are doing better in the home market because they are producing better designed and better quality equipment, said Mr Collis.

A sector round-up of the British market prepared by the Amdea reveals:

● **Dishwashers** — Deliveries to the trade in the year of 430,000 was a record, putting growth over 1986 at just above 27 per cent. Candy, the British arm of the Italian manufacturer of the same name, and Hotpoint, part of the General Electric Company, are now both making dishwashers in Britain in a revival of British dishwasher manufacture that had ceased in the early 1980s.

● **Laundering** — In automatic washing machines, a stable market running at 1.9 million units annually, British makers increased their market share to 59 per cent, the highest penetration since 1980. Imports came mostly from Italy. Washer-dryer versions of the automatic machines are "highly popular" but the tumble-dryer market still continues to grow, deliveries reaching 699,000, a 7 per cent increase on 1986. The British makers' share of the tumble-dryer market rose to 89 per cent. But sales of twin-tub washing machines, nearly all made in Britain, dropped nearly a fifth compared with the year before.

● **Refrigeration** — Single-door refrigerators sold one million units, an 11 per cent increase with the British makers' share falling slightly to 51 per cent. Fridge-freezer deliveries showed a marginal increase in the year with British makers improving their market share to 70 per cent. For the first time more chest freezers originated in Britain than from abroad as imports dropped from 53 per cent of market share in 1986 to 46 per cent last year. Deliveries of upright freezers showed a further 8 per cent increase following a 13 per cent rise in 1986. The British market share rose to 37 per cent.

● **Cooking** — There was a 2 per cent increase in deliveries of free-standing electric cookers, where British makers account for three-quarters of the market. British makers increased their share of the expanding market for built-in hobs. Deliveries by British makers of built-in electric ovens also rose 27 per cent despite a 2 per cent decline in overall deliveries. Import penetration in microwave ovens has fallen back to 77 per cent as manufacture in Britain was increased.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Allied Lyons (*337)	300	48	55	-	4	12	-
	330	27	33	45	12	20	27
	360	9	22	30	25	37	43
Bass (*786)	750	78	92	113	18	28	37
	800	38	63	83	40	55	62
	850	20	40	60	70	85	92
Bett Air (*161)	140	25	30	35	2½	6	10
	160	13	17	24	10	15	18
	180	4	9	15	24	27	30
Brit Com (*295)	280	32	40	50	13	20	23
	300	20	30	37	20	30	35
	330	7	18	25	42	50	52
Brit Gas (*129)	130	10	15	19	8	11	14
	140	5½	9½	14	14	17	20
	150	2	4½	-	31	32	-
BP (*280)	240	34	32	40	8	13	20
	260	11	18	28	18	23	30
	280	4½	12	-	33	38	-
British (*487)	420	62	82	87	2	4	6
	460	41	60	69	7	8	15
	500	10	20	25	18	20	25
Cons Gold (*800)	800	80	100	125	65	100	120
	850	45	65	100	105	135	155
	900	27	65	-	160	175	-
Courtauld (*307)	300	25	37	38	12	25	27
	330	9	22	27	30	42	45
	360	3	14	18	55	67	67
Com Union (*326)	390	1½	8	-	85	90	-
	330	14	27	33	30	33	40
	360	6	16	23	48	53	60
C & W (*398)	390	4	10	-	78	80	-
	330	30	47	57	17	28	35
	360	17	30	40	35	45	50
GEC (*153)	390	5	22	28	57	65	70
	140	18	25	28	3	7	10
	160	6½	14	15	12	15	17
GKN (*304)	180	2	7	8	29	32	35
	280	35	45	50	12	20	25
	300	19	35	40	22	30	35
	330	10	22	28	42	47	52
Grand Met (*457)	360	3½	10	-	66	70	-
	390	70	85	-	5	12	-
	420	45	63	72	11	20	25
	460	19	40	50	30	38	43
	490	10	22	-	55	58	-
ICI (*1048)	950	110	148	-	25	47	-
	1000	73	120	140	45	70	85
	1050	48	95	-	72	95	-
	1100	28	72	95	102	120	145
Jaguar (*333)	300	45	55	65	9	15	25
	330	25	38	47	21	30	35
	360	13	28	38	40	45	55
Land Sec (*407)	420	75	83	97	6	15	20
	460	43	58	73	12	25	30
	500	23	37	50	30	45	55
M & S (*169)	160	18	24	28	4½	10	13
	180	7	12	18	15	20	25
	200	2	7	12	33	36	38
R-Royce (*125)	120	12	16½	22	6	12	14
	130	7¼	12	17	11	15	18
	140	3½	9	14	18	23	25
STC (*230)	220	22	32	38	12	19	24
	240	13	21	29	24	30	34
	260	7	15	22	42	44	50
Sainsbury (*222)	200	28	35	-	4	9	-
	220	18	22	27	12	16	23
	240	6	12	18	25	32	34
Shell (*1048)	1000	73	98	120	43	57	75
	1050	42	74	-	70	80	-
Stanshaw (*235)	1100	24	54	75	105	107	125
	220	28	35	40	7	15	17
	240	14	23	30	14	22	28
	260	5	9	-	33	33	-
Tarslgar (*325)	300	46	45	55	7	15	19
	330	20	28	40	18	28	33
	360	8	16	27	40	47	53
TSB (*109)	100	13	17	-	3	4	-
	110	7	12	15	6	10	12
	120	4	8	9	14	16	16
Woolworth (*293)	240	37	45	45	10	17	20
	260	22	30	35	17	27	30
	280	15	20	25	27	35	42

	Series	Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Glaxo (*1031)	950	108	143	180	15	37	57
	1000	68	113	153	27	57	77
	1050	37	87	127	50	80	103
	1100	22	65	-	85	110	-
Hanson (*135)	110	26	30	-	1/2	2½	-
	120	17	22	25	1½	5	7
	130	9	15	19½	4	8	11
	140	4½	10	14½	13	13	16
Hawker (*486)	420	75	78	92	3½	15	28
	460	43	55	72	12	35	45
	500	20	34	50	30	55	65
Lonbro (*256)	220	37	39	42	3	9	13
	240	18	25	30	10	17	23
	260	7½	15	21	24	27	33
	280	2½	8	14	38	42	48
Midland (*407)	360	55	62	67	8	15	23
	390	27	45	50	18	27	37
	420	10	25	37	37	48	52
Sears (*122)	120	7	12	15	4	9	13
	130	2C	7	11	11	16	18
	140	1½	5	8	20	24	28
Tesco (*152)	140	17	22	23½	3	5	6
	160	4	11	16	12	15	18
	180	2	-	-	33	-	-
Thorn EMI (*554)	500	65	90	98	5	18	28
	550	30	55	65	15	35	46
	600	9	30	45	50	62	75
	650	3	22	-	100	98	-
THF (*220)	200	24	33	38	3	9	13
	220	10	22	28	10	17	22
	240	3	11	18	23	30	35
Unilever (*494)	460	50	60	80	10	22	32
	500	23	40	60	24	42	52
	550	-	22	40	58	75	83
Wellcome (*403)	390	55	72	90	6	20	28
	390	30	53	72	14	30	40
	420	17	40	56	30	43	53

	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
BAA (*107)	100	7	17	21	1	6	11
	110	1	11	16	5	12	18
Brit Aero (*355)	120	½	6	12	15	18	23
	330	27	54	72	¼	9	18
	360	4	21	38	32	37	45
BAT Ind (*442)	390	1	11	27	57	57	65
	390	53	62	70	1	12	17
	42022½	38	53	2	20	28	
	460	1¼	22	33	22	45	46
Brit Tele (*245)	200	45	51	55	¼	1⅞	4
	220	25	34	39	¼	4½	9
	240	8	20	27	3	11	17
Cadbury (*248)	220	29	37	40	½	7	12
	240	10	20	28	3	15	22
Guinness (*274)	260	1¼	11	18	15	25	32
	260	16	26	37	2	15	18
	280	3	18	25	8	25	28
Ladbroke (*355)	300	2	12	20	33	37	40
	330	57	65	70	1	7	12
	360	27	43	50	1½	13	22
LASMO (*307)	280	3	25	33	10	30	35
	300	30	45	58	½	20	33
	330	12	33	48	4	30	38
Pilkington (*223)	330	2	21	30	25	46	55
	200	24	33	46	3	15	22
	220	5	22	28	4	15	22
	240	1½	13	20	19	27	32
Plessey (*152)	260	1	9	15	39	43	48
	140	13	23	27	1	8	12
	160	1½	11	15	9	17	21
P & O (*536)	160	½	6	29	33	33	35
	460	80	85	95	1	5	17
	500	40	52	70	1½	22	37
Prudential (*623)	550	3	27	42	20	47	50
	600	32	60	85	5	45	55
Racal (*210)	360	4	40	63	33	70	80
	200	2	20	43	80	105	110
	220	1	13	20	12	19	25
RTZ (*340)	240	½	7	12	31	38	41
	300	45	58	70	1½	15	25
	330	14	40	50	10	28	35
	360	2	25	30	35	50	55
Vaal Reefs (*394)	380	2	17	-	50	70	-
	90	7	16	22	3	10	14
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*105)	100	1½	11	18	10	19	20
	110	1	8½	12	20	28	30
	104	1¾	-	-	3/32	-	-
	106	5/32	-	-	½	-	-
	108	1/32	-	-	2¾	-	-
	110	1/32	-	-	4⅝	-	-
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*116)	114	2⅝	3⅝	-	1/32	1¾	-
	116	1 1/32	2¾	-	¾	2¾	-
	118	9/32	2	-	1½	3⅝	-
	120	1/32	1¾	-	3⅝	5	-
	122	1/32	1/32	-	5⅝	6⅝	-

FT-SE INDEX (*1739)

Series	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
1600	142	155	167	—	2½	16	28	—
1650	96	115	131	147	6	26	40	53
1700	53	78	101	118	17	42	60	72
1750	32	53	73	93	40	68	83	95
1800	8	33	50	69	73	98	113	125
1850	3	18	33	48	115	132	145	155
1900	1	10	20	35	165	172	182	192

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Turnover remains low

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3	Tate & Lyle (as)	Foods	
4	Grand Met (as)	Hotels,Caterers	
5	LDH	Industrials L-R	
6	Cadbury-Schwp (as)	Foods	
7	Woolworth (as)	Drapery,Stores	
8	Blockleys	Building,Roads	
9	Trimoco	Motors,Aircraft	
10	Mount Charlotte	Hotels,Caterers	
11	Kode	Electricals	
12	Tesco (as)	Foods	
13	Stanley (AG)	Drapery,Stores	
14	Senior Eng	Industrials S-Z	
15	Yellowhammer	Paper,Print,Adv	
16	Taveper Rutledge	Foods	
17	Rexmore	Industrials L-R	
18	Suter	Industrials S-Z	
19	Hartwell Plc	Motors,Aircraft	
20	Pearson (as)	Industrials L-R	
21	Stag Furniture	Industrials S-Z	
22	Barker & Dobson	Foods	
23	GKN (as)	Industrials E-K	
24	Hampton Tst	Property	
25	Hunter Saphir	Foods	
26	Greycoat	Property	
27	Utd Newspapers (as)	Newspapers,Pub	
28	Porter Chadburn	Industrials L-R	
29	Ecbro	Industrials E-K	
30	Macro 4	Electricals	
31	Barker (Charles)	Paper,Print,Adv	
32	BTR (as)	Industrials A-D	
33	Logica	Electricals	
34	Evered	Industrials E-K	
35	Bolton	Textiles	
36	NMC Group	Industrials L-R	
37	BSR	Electricals	
38	Preedy (Alfred)	Drapery,Stores	
39	Telfos	Industrials S-Z	
40	Avis Europe	Industrials A-D	
41	Blagden	Chemicals,Plas	
42	Sekers	Textiles	
43	Hunting Group	Industrials E-K	
44	Burgess	Industrials A-D	

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Weekly chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL. Tel: 0345 717373 (Unitline)				
Gilt & Fixed	111.7	120.0	-0.9	9.17
Hi Inc Equity	112.4	120.5p	-1.5	4.89
Worldwide Bd	191.8	204.4p	-2.9	4.75
American Gth	141.9	151.7p	+4.5	1.54
Asian Pacific	322.0	33.6	+6.6	2.16
Assets & Earns	107.2	130.0	-2.1	1.73
Capital Res	78.2	76.1	-1.4	1.92
Comm Energy	69.1	65.5	+2.3	0.00
Euro Capital	83.4	67.8	+1.6	1.11
General	191.5	182.0p	-2.3	2.78
Japan	97.6	93.6	+1.5	
UK Gth Inc	128.8	129.1	-3.2	1.98
Do Acc	178.1	188.3	-4.5	1.29
US Emerg Co	28.7	41.3p	+0.1	0.00
Income Gth	231.8	247.8	-1.7	3.05
Master Acc	65.9	70.4	-2.5	2.84
American Inc	40.5	43.3p	+0.6	5.53
Ethical Tst	38.9	41.5	-0.4	3.01
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ. Tel: 0224 632301				
20, Chiswell St, London EC1Y 4TY Tel: 01-374 6931				
Un. Growth	29.3	31.2	-0.4	2.57
N Am Inc	23.4	24.8	+0.2	4.76
World Gth	38.5	38.8	+0.1	1.29
Extra Inc	34.5	36.6	-0.5	5.75
Formerly Baltic Trust Management				
American	38.6	41.1p	+1.1	2.23
Amer Extra Inc	35.8	38.1p	+0.3	6.85
Australian	15.5	16.7	-0.5	2.06
Euro Tst	39.0	41.5p	+0.2	3.50
Gilt/Fd Interest	23.1	24.6	+0.2	9.78
Global Income	33.6	35.8	-0.2	3.43
Hi Income	53.1	54.8	-1.6	8.59
Income Growth	62.7	66.6p	-1.6	4.46
International	79.7	84.8	-0.3	0.85
Japan Gen	152.6	162.4	+4.6	0.01
Special Sits	59.2	63.0	-1.5	1.42
AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE Tel: 01-837 9494				
Euro Gth Acc	96.0	102.2	+1.2	1.21
Exempt	368.9	388.6p	-6.6	4.90
Far Eastern	185.1	196.3	-0.2	0.10
Fin & Prop	73.9	80.4p	-1.4	2.88
Hi Yield	68.5	73.7	-1.8	5.10
Income & Gth	290.0	307.2	+5.9	4.80
Int Earnings	171.6	181.8	-3.1	2.88
Int Growth Inc	86.3	90.8	-0.5	0.24
Japan Gth Acc	139.3	149.0	+0.6	0.80
N Amer Gth Inc	169.0	113.5p	+1.3	2.80
Preference Inc	124.6	132.2	-0.1	9.50
Smr Co Div Inc	86.5	91.9p	-1.6	4.74
Smr Co Gth	256.9	282.7p	-6.2	1.66
Special Sits Inc	121.2	128.4	-2.7	1.59
UK Growth	357.1	378.3p	-6.8	3.39
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL. 0793 28291 Dealing 0793 610396				
High Income	287.0	304.2	-2.7	4.78
Equity Inc	161.0	170.7	-1.4	4.44
High Yield	167.9	178.0	-2.8	5.01
Balanced	361.1	414.6	-6.6	3.37
Amer Inc	28.9	30.6	+0.3	2.73
Managed Asia Val	23.9	25.5	+0.2	1.91
Japan	130.4	138.9p	+1.6	0.01
Stic of Amer	177.3	188.8	+4.3	1.15
Assist Value	217.9	234.5	+1.1	3.53
O'seas Earn	189.8	201.2	-1.4	3.53
Recovery	93.1	98.7	-0.6	2.32
UK Spec Sits	242.5	257.0	-2.6	3.95
Smlr Co	161.4	171.1	-1.9	3.50
Capital	235.1	249.2	-3.9	3.50
Amer Spec sit	85.9	98.5	+1.2	1.96
Intemational	144.9	153.6	+0.6	1.54
Growth & Inc	140.5	148.9	+0.2	3.73
Euro Gth	16.9	18.0	+0.2	1.33
Pacific	194.8	207.5p	+0.9	0.48
2nd Smi Co	198.4	208.2	-4.2	1.48
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 01-534 5544				
Capital	73.2	77.9p	-1.4	3.38
Euro Gth Inc	97.1	99.7	+1.3	2.10
Extra Income	90.7	96.4	-1.2	5.11
General	157.5	167.5	-2.5	3.43
Gilt & Fixed Inc	53.5	56.3p	-0.1	9.29
Income Tst	379.1	402.3p	-4.3	4.76
Int Income	47.5	50.5p		4.55
Smlr Co Inc	36.0	38.2	-0.7	1.92
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 158, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4SG 01-658 6002				
American EVS				
Australia	41.9	45.1	-0.3	0.00
Eastern	55.5	59.3p	-1.8	0.00
Equity Inc	85.2	89.3	-1.3	5.20
Europe	107.9	114.7	-1.2	0.10
Exempt Tst	54.1	57.5p	-1.0	3.50
Growth & Inc	89.4	73.8c	-2.6	2.10
Growth & Inc	68.4	73.8c	-2.6	2.10
Global Gth	57.2	60.8	-0.7	0.10
Japan Spec	135.3	144.7p	+3.1	0.00
Japan Trust	147.5	157.9	+3.1	0.00
First Europe	94.9	100.9	-0.1	0.00
First Japan	102.2	109.3	+2.4	0.00
First N Amer	38.8	41.2p		1.90
First Smlr Co	35.5	38.0	-1.4	1.40
N Amer Spec	37.3	39.6	+0.1	0.30
UK Growth	57.6	61.3	-1.1	5.21
BROWN SHIPLEY				
3-17, Pennycoost Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	149.6	160.6c	-2.1	1.70
Smlr Co Acc	264.3	310.7	-13.1	0.84
Do Inc	179.6	196.5	-4.4	0.84
High Income	77.0	82.8	-0.7	10.20
Income	92.0	98.9	-0.8	5.16
Man Portf Inc	83.4	89.7p	+0.2	2.33
Do Acc	141.9	152.5p	+0.2	2.33
Nth American	45.1	48.5	-1.6	2.61
Orient	90.8	97.4	+2.6	0.10
Exempt	252.8	266.1	-6.1	2.22
Recovery	58.7	63.2	-1.0	0.35
German	122.0	131.1	-2.7	0.00
Int Recov	22.5	24.2	+0.2	1.00
Europe	15.4	16.5	-0.2	3.91
Conv General	25.0	..	..	7.00
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT 01-588 2868 01 623 2348				
Emerg Inc	59.6	63.4	-1.1	1.50
Fellowship Inc	69.6	74.0	-1.4	4.44
Generic Inc	244.5	260.1	-7.0	2.88
Do Acc	396.7	434.6	-11.2	2.88
Income Fd 3	129.9	133.9	-2.8	5.00
Do Acc 3	232.7	247.5	-4.9	5.00
Int Inc 2	102.3	108.8c	+1.6	1.92
Do Acc 2	136.8	145.5c	+2.4	1.92
Smlr Inc 1	71.1	92.7	+1.0	3.03
Do Acc 5	94.4	100.4	-1.1	2.29
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1, Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 01-902 8575				
Growth	38.4	32.3e	-0.8	3.12
Income	39.2	41.7e	-0.1	6.86
Far East	29.0	27.7e	+1.4	0.76
Nth American	25.7	27.3e	+1.4	0.76
Global	41.7	44.4	+0.7	0.77
European	37.8	40.2	+0.5	1.32
Japan	83.4	88.7	+3.7	0.01
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT				
PO Box 551 6 Bevis Marks London EC3A 5JQ 01-621 0011				
Capital	374.4	397.3	-8.5	2.75
Income	234.9	249.2	-4.2	5.47
Nth Amer	226.7	241.2	+7.2	1.97
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Investment	438.25		::	4.70
Fixed Int	145.1		::	9.86
Deposit	100.0		::	8.85
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Income	413.87	●	::	5.05
Acc	£12.9662	●	::	
Deposit	100.0		::	8.50
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS				
70/73, Lombard St, London EC3V 9DP 01-606 6822				
S/C Spec Sit	58.0	61.4	-1.5	0.46
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373393				
Amer Gth	18.7	19.8	+0.5	1.14
Asian Gth	23.5	25.2	+0.5	1.51
Dragon Gth	18.2	19.4	+0.3	2.19
Equity 16 Inc	23.7	25.3	+0.2	4.52
European Gth	22.5	23.9	+0.3	1.86
Gen Equity	45.4	48.4	+1.0	3.60
Gilt Interst Gth	32.4	34.2	+0.1	7.80
Gilt & Fixed Inc	24.6	26.2p	-0.1	9.05
Int Income Tst	22.3	23.8p	-0.1	6.44
Japan Gth	57.7	61.5	-1.6	0.00
Pedigree Gth	37.4	39.9	-0.8	2.27
Special Sits	33.4	35.4	-0.6	2.26
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
St. Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ 01-623 7500 Dealing 01-626 9815				
UK & Gen Inc	50.4	53.6	-0.7	3.77
Do Acc	51.6	54.9	-0.7	3.77
Income Inc	53.0	56.4	-0.8	6.65
Do Acc	54.5	58.0	-0.8	6.65
Worldwide Inc	43.4	46.2p	+0.2	1.37
Do Acc	43.6	46.4p	+0.2	1.37
Gaspers Inc	31.5	33.5p	-0.4	1.19
Do Acc	33.7	35.9p	-0.4	1.19
Amer Gth	58.7	62.4	+1.1	0.67
Euro Gth	64.3	68.4	+0.9	0.48
Far East	56.2	59.8	+0.9	0.00
Gilt & Fxd Int	..	..	..	..
World Bond	..	..	..	..
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD				
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 04862 3333				
Amer Tst	101.6	108.8p	+2.2	0.91
Canadian Gth	72.1	77.2	+0.3	..
European Tst	79.8	85.3	+0.3	..
Growth Tst	244.7	264.5p	+2.9	2.23
High Income	306.3	324.8	+0.5	6.82
Int Tech Tst	96.8	104.6	+1.5	..
Investment	23.0	..	..	..
Japanese Tst	204.5	221.1	+2.3	..
Man Inc	25.0	..	..	..
CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL 0737-242624				
European Gth	47.1	50.7	+1.8	3.00
Euro Spec Sits	33.5	36.5	+1.3	1.30
International	44.9	48.3	..	3.50
N Amer Gth	41.2	44.3	+0.7	1.60
Pacific Gth	48.5	52.2	..	4.60
UK Gth Acc	58.8	63.3	-2.2	0.50
UK Gth Inc	52.4	56.4	-2.0	0.50
UK Income	54.9	59.0	-2.3	4.50
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tst: 031-225 3482				
American Fd	55.4	59.6	+1.3	1.89
Capital Fd	118.4	124.0	+0.2	2.34
Eastern Fd	20.1	21.4p	+0.2	0.00
Growth & Inc	169.5	170.9p	-3.3	4.10
High Dist Fd	143.3	152.8	-2.5	4.91
International	139.0	147.0	-0.5	1.14
Pacific Fd	18.5	19.7	+0.1	0.00
Resources Fd	20.0	21.3	+0.4	0.00
Smlr Cos Gp	40.2	42.8p	+0.5	..
Tokyo Fd	180.5	192.2	+0.5	0.00
Ex Amer 2	113.9	116.1	+1.8	1.98
Ex Japan 3	112.5	115.6	+2.0	0.00
Ex Pacific 4	297.9	305.2	+0.8	0.51
Ex Smlr Jap 4	243.2	249.9	+3.8	0.10
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Bank Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 521291				
UK Eaton Inc	79.8	84.7	-1.8	2.87
Do Acc	83.2	88.3	-1.9	2.76
UK Gth Acc	113.5	120.6	-2.6	2.29
UK High Inc	99.8	106.0	-2.3	4.00
N American	94.3	99.4	+0.8	1.11
Far East Acc	107.9	115.1	+1.3	0.57
European Acc	84.8	89.1	+1.3	1.50
UK Gilt Inc	56.1	59.5	-0.2	7.75
Int Acc	58.1	61.6	-0.4	7.73
Int Spec Sits	35.8	38.2	-0.2	1.77
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
Anglo Centre Tst: 8 Hexagon House Romford RM1 3LS Tel: 0708 69888				
Endurance	108.7	115.0	-1.0	1.59
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION				
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480				
Equit Pakistan	87.4	93.0	-1.7	3.44
Equit Recon	82.1	86.0	-1.0	4.69
Gil/Fxd Interst	51.7	55.1p	-0.4	7.42
Tst Of Inv Tsts	77.0	82.0p	-0.8	2.10
Spec Sits Tst	86.6	94.3	-1.6	2.78
Nth Amer Tst	74.7	79.5p	-0.2	1.92
Far East Tst	104.0	110.7	+2.6	0.36
Int Growth	48.8	52.0	+0.6	1.80
European Tst	36.9	39.3	+1.0	2.04
EQUITY & LAW				
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1RP Tel: 0203 553291				
UK Gth Inc	163.7	173.2	-3.7	3.48
Do Inc	137.1	147.9	-3.2	3.48
Higher Inc Acc	368.0	388.7	-5.6	4.43
Do Inc	297.3	315.4	-4.2	4.43
Gilt/Fixed Acc	110.2	116.4	-1.2	7.97
Do Inc	85.8	90.1	-0.3	7.97
N Amer Acc	169.7	118.7	+3.0	0.14
Far East Acc	185.0	207.4	+0.8	0.00
Far East Inc	91.7	102.7	+0.3	0.00
Gen Tst	245.2	260.6	-3.3	3.03
Smlr Excell	37.8	39.9	-1.0	2.95
Br Fdmls Inc	50.0	..	..	..
Do Acc	50.0	..	..	..
F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT				
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA Tel: 01-623 4680				
US Smlr Co	50.4	53.7	+1.2	0.30
UK Inc Fd	90.3	96.1	-2.1	4.94
Far East Fd	84.5	89.9	+2.8	0.00
Overseas Inc	58.5	63.4	+1.1	4.46
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Beech Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1RY Tel: Callbox 0800 414161				
American	93.2	99.7	+2.0	1.28
Amer Equity Inc	94.2	100.1p	+2.0	4.54
Amer Spec Sit	41.6	44.5	+1.2	0.05
Australia	18.5	19.7	-0.1	2.57
European	46.6	49.9	+0.1	..
European Inc	39.2	41.9	+0.1	4.94
Global Conv	21.7	23.1	+0.1	3.89
Far East Inc	36.4	38.8	+0.3	0.84
Gilt/Fixd Interest	24.2	25.8p	+0.1	9.04
Income Tst	10.2	11.8	-0.1	4.46
Japan	154.0	165.7	+3.5	..
Japan Spec Sit	64.6	69.4p	+0.9	..
Japan Trust	154.9	165.7	+3.5	0.00
Pacific Basin	22.5	24.9	+0.3	0.78
Special Sits	84.6	90.5	+1.1	1.05
Inc Plus	101.1	108.2	-1.5	4.32
Famous Names	97.3	104.0	-1.4	3.70
SE Asia	59.2	63.3	+1.0	0.72
Europe	234.2	250.5	+5.6	0.86
Eastern Opps	20.2	21.5c	..	..
Intl Bond	24.8	26.4	-0.1	2.67
Recovery	31.5	33.7	-0.6	2.85
Moneybuilder	23.8	25.0	..	..
FRANKLINSTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
3, London Wall Buildings, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ Tel: 01-638 5181				
Amer/Gen Inc	158.2	162.1	+0.1	..
Do Acc	158.6	165.7	+0.1	..
Amer Trans Inc	158.9	173.2	+0.7	1.93
Do Acc	171.7	181.6	+0.9	1.93
Capital Inc	257.4	272.3	+1.3	2.99
Do Acc	317.3	335.7	+1.6	2.99
Cnty/Gn Inc	99.9	105.7	+0.5	4.80
Do Acc	148.9	158.0	+0.7	4.80
European Inc	48.1	51.0	+0.2	1.34
Do Acc	48.1	51.0	+0.2	1.34
Financial Acc	41.5	43.9	+0.1	2.56
Do Inc	41.2	43.7	+0.1	2.56
Income Tst	151.0	160.3	+0.4	5.24
Do Acc	167.2	176.9	-2.5	3.95
Int Growth Inc	136.2	143.0	+0.6	..
Do Acc	139.2	146.8c	+0.6	..
Japan/Gen Inc	109.4	115.7c	+2.0	..
Do Acc	116.4	116.8c	+2.0	..
Mgmty Inv Fd	115.2	121.8p	+0.4	2.47
PSP Fd	47.5	50.3	+0.2	2.79
Recovery	150.3	159.6p	-0.4	1.29
Smaller Inc	51.5	54.4	-1.0	3.24
Do Acc	57.5	54.4	-1.0	3.24
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealing 0722 411411 Admin 0722 412566				
Equity Dist	376.0	399.1	-7.3	2.69
Equity Tst	350.7	372.3	+1.6	2.69
Euro Gth Dist	92.7	98.4	+1.6	0.00
Euro Gth Tst	87.2	92.6	+1.5	0.00
Fixed Interest Dis	115.8	122.9	-0.5	10.07
Do Dist	148.5	155.8	-0.6	10.07
Int Gth Dist	50.7	53.8	+1.2	1.39
Do Acc	50.7	53.8	+1.2	1.39
Man Dist	108.4	113.0	+2.6	2.30
Do Acc	108.2	114.9	+2.6	2.30
Pac Basin Dist	184.3	174.5p	+2.0	0.17
Do Acc	184.4	174.7p	+2.0	0.17
Property Dist	230.1	237.4	-1.7	1.24
Do Acc	234.4	248.6	-1.8	1.24
Steward Inc Dist	92.7	95.9p	-1.0	3.58
Do Acc	93.2	98.4p	-1.0	3.58
N Amer Dist	49.8	52.7	+0.7	1.89
Do Acc	49.8	52.7	+0.7	1.89
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
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Amer Spec Sit	51.2	54.7	+1.7	0.70
UK Gen Inc	178.1	188.8	-2.4	2.70
Income Fd	93.5	98.5	-0.9	6.30
International	143.0	152.2	+1.5	0.60
US & Gen	69.5	74.0	+0.4	0.00
Global Conv	270.4	287.7	+0.7	0.10
Far East Inc	116.9	123.4	+1.1	0.30
European Fd	207.2	220.5	+1.5	0.10
Germany Fd	48.2	51.3	+0.5	0.00
Japan Fd	48.2	51.3	+0.5	0.00
Wld Spec Sit	55.2	58.8	+0.7	1.80
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
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Hampton	95.5	70.1	+1.2	0.70
Australian	15.4	16.4	+0.1	..
British Ass	69.4	73.9p	-1.0	1.98
Do Dist	69.4	73.9p	-1.0	1.98
Chalk Hill Gth	23.3	24.7c	-0.3	1.92
Commd Shares	51.4	54.9	-1.9	1.90
European	42.4	45.6p	+0.8	0.73
Extra Income	59.3	63.2p	+0.2	0.00
Far East Tst	111.9	119.7	+2.6	0.30
Fed Interest	27.5	29.7p	+0.2	0.00
Frontier Mkts	21.7	23.2	+0.1	0.30
Global Fd	151.4	162.2	+1.4	0.40
Gold Fd	144.8	154.4	+0.4	0.00
Gold Shares	15.4	16.4	+0.1	0.01
Hedged Amer	29.5	31.5	+0.2	0.50
High Income	29.3	31.5p	+0.2	0.50
Hong Kong	28.2	30.1p	+0.2	0.00
Income Fd	94.6	101.7p	-1.1	2.97
Int Fininvest	23.9	25.5c	+0.2	0.50
Japan Tst	154.2	165.1	+1.4	0.00
Main Eqty	25.3	26.9	+0.1	0.00
Oil & Energy	41.7	44.3p	+0.1	0.00
Spec Sit	98.1	105.5	+1.6	1.51
UK Sm Co Rec	94.0	101.7	+1.7	0.30
Gartmore (Scotland) Investment Management Ltd				
Glob Inc/Gth	88.1	74.4	-0.3	4.48
Pacific Gth	40.1	42.9	-0.3	2.16
Select Inc	61.5	65.8	-1.1	3.11
Do Acc	114.6	122.6	-2.2	3.11
Wwide Recov	82.8	88.5	-1.7	2.07
Selected Opportunities Tst				
American	26.0	27.8	+0.2	0.79
European	50.9	54.4p	-1.5	1.54
International	108.6	114.2p	+0.4	0.76
Japan	84.0	89.4	+0.7	0.00
UK	61.0	65.8	+0.8	1.26
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American Inc	38.7	60.8	+0.9	5.19
European Gth	43.4	46.4p	+0.7	1.17
Gold & Mnerls	43.9	46.5	+0.3	0.73
Japan Gth	69.8	64.4p	+1.1	..
Pacific Inc	68.4	72.1p	+1.4	4.07
Pacific Basin	97.1	39.6p	+0.1	0.41
UK Emg Inc	68.4	73.1	-1.4	4.48
UK Spec Opps	124.0	132.5p	-3.1	1.65
Gl British	34.2	36.5	-0.8	3.41
UK Sml Co	31.4	33.5e	-2.1	0.80
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
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Cs/Fxd Interest	117.8	122.4	-0.8	8.07
Gth Equity	221.0	233.9	-3.1	3.64
Guaranteed	284.4	294.7c	-1.3	2.56
Income Tst	91.2	96.8	-1.1	3.85
Int Tst	102.5	108.5	+2.0	1.32
N American	113.5	125.4	+0.8	0.80
Pacific	341.8	356.9	+2.8	0.80
Prop Shares	322.6	342.7p	-4.2	1.80
Smaller Co	261.8	277.1	-2.5	1.73
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Dividend	34.9	37.2	+0.2	0.80
High Income	95.4	99.9p	-0.3	5.74
N Amer Tst	93.6	91.1	+1.3	0.85
Pacific Gth	30.0	31.9	+0.1	0.00
Recovery	302.0	321.3	+1.6	2.47
St Vincent Inc	104.4	107.1c	-2.5	4.98
St Vinc US Gth	51.9	54.1c	+2.5	1.28
European Tst	222.8	235.2p	+1.4	0.00
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Cameron Tst	51.6	54.8	+0.7	3.77
European Tst	77.9	81.7	+1.4	1.04
High Income	77.5	82.3	+1.1	5.65
Int Sits Tst	48.2	51.2	+0.4	2.99
Japan/Far East	108.1	115.3	+2.5	0.00
Nth Amer Tst	52.7	56.0	+1.0	1.69
Recon & Assets	58.6	62.2	+1.1	2.23
Smaller Cos	31.1	33.7p	-0.4	1.52
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Amer Smlr Co	82.4	87.8	+1.3	0.00
Australian	71.7	76.4	+1.4	0.00
Best of World	46.6	49.6p	-0.2	2.43
Cap Gth Inc	28.8	30.7	-0.2	2.43
Do Acc	28.8	30.7	-0.2	2.43
European	107.6	115.5	+0.8	0.41
Euro Inc Tst	39.5	42.1p	+0.4	0.38
Euro Smlr Co	25.4	27.0	+0.2	0.00
Far East Inc	89.2	95.7	+1.1	0.00
Financial Tst	151.8	161.5	-1.9	2.28
Fled Interest	54.9	58.5	..	8.00
Gilt Tst	41.1	43.8p	+0.1	7.57
Global Health	57.8	61.3p	+0.5	0.00
Global Inc/Gth	57.8	61.3p	+0.5	4.31
Global Resrce	58.6	62.3p	+0.5	0.00
Global Tech	58.6	62.3p	+0.5	0.00
High Income	228.4	243.0	-4.3	4.24
Hong Kong	48.4	51.5	+0.6	0.00
Int Gth Inc	175.1	186.3	-3.3	2.57
Int Gth Inc	167.1	177.8	-3.2	2.57
Income Asset	142.9	152.2	+0.5	6.07
International	142.9	152.2	+0.5	0.07
Jap Spec Sits	184.8	196.8p	+1.0	0.00
Nth American	169.1	179.9p	+1.0	0.00
Pacific Sml Co	75.1	80.0	+0.3	0.00
Pension Man	68.5	72.9	+0.4	0.00
Smlr Co Gth	58.8	62.5	+0.3	0.00
Recovery Tst	132.1	140.6e	-1.5	2.13
Sterl & Money	27.2	28.1e	+0.1	0.15
Sterl Bond	102.8	109.4e	+0.2	0.15
Spec Sits Inc	187.4	178.1	-7.4	1.39
Do Acc	237.1	252.3	-10.5	1.39
Worldwide	62.8	66.4	+0.6	2.43
Euro Dept	67.8	72.1	+0.8	0.00
Far East Dept	66.7	70.9	+2.1	0.00
Hi Inc Exempt	152.1	160.1	-2.8	4.67

TECHNOLOGY

Birth of the bright superstar

Andrew Pollack in San Francisco on computer power

Cray Research introduced its newest and most powerful supercomputer last week, hoping it will be viewed as a symbol not of what the company was but of what it will be. The $20 million (about £11 million) machine, the Y-MP, is the last one Cray will market that was inspired by Steve Chen, the brilliant computer designer who stunned the industry and rattled Wall Street in September by leaving after another project on which he was working was cancelled.

Though Mr Chen started the project, he left it in 1985, and the design was completed by a team headed by Lester Davis, an executive vice-president who is expected to head many Cray design efforts in the future.

Success of the new supercomputer is essential for Cray to retain its supremacy and to make sales grow quickly again in an increasingly competitive industry that is evolving from a highly specialized business catering largely to the US Defence Department to one with a broad range of industrial and academic users.

After a decade in which it was not unusual for the company to grow 40 per cent or more annually, growth slowed to 15 percent last year. Company officials expect increases in revenues and earnings to be less than that this year.

The Y-MP is the successor to the X-MP, the line of machines that have been the company's mainstay for several years. The Y-MP's performance is two or three times greater than that of the most powerful X-MP, for a price only 25 per cent higher. Under ideal conditions, the Y-MP, which has eight processors working together, will be able to perform two billion to four billion arithmetic operations a second.

Next year the company will introduce the Cray 3, a machine expected to be three times as powerful as the Y-MP, though it is geared for different uses.Yet the Y-MP will not make a difference for a while. The company, which is limited in how many of the machines it can make, will be able to ship only three or four of them this year and one a month in 1989.

And the introduction of the new machine will put pressure on Cray to reduce the price of the X-MP.

Since introducing the Cray 1 in 1976, Cray has been the superstar of supercomputers, the multimillion-dollar machines that are the fastest calculating devices known to man.

At the same time, competition is growing. Cray is facing a renewed head-on challenge from ETA Systems, a subsidiary of Cray's traditional rival, the Control Data, as well as from three Japanese computer giants, Fujitsu, Hitachi and NEC Corp.

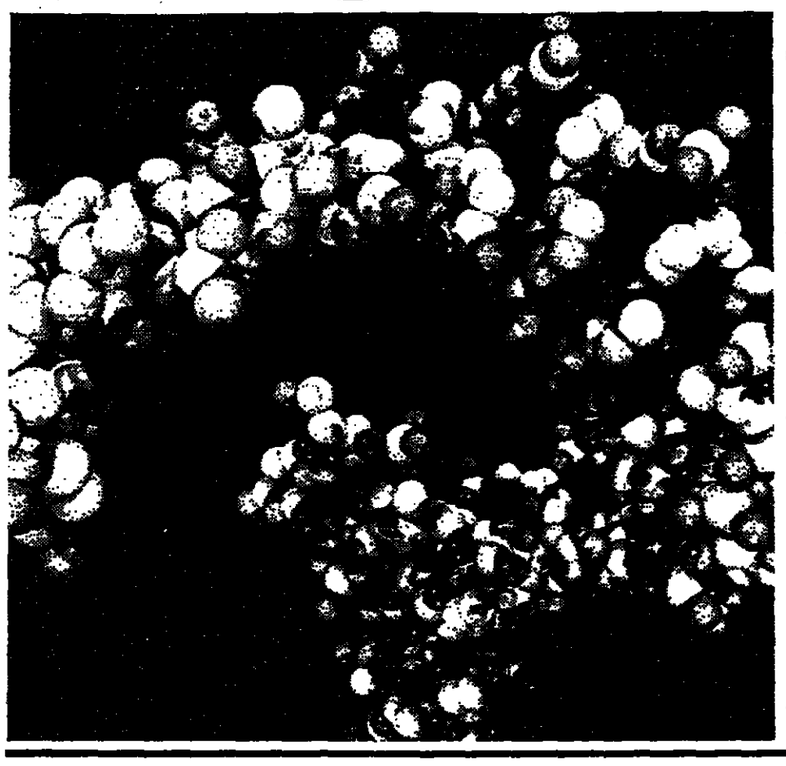
Cray is beset by mini-supercomputer companies such as the Convex Computer and Alliant Computer Systems , whose machines, though less powerful than Cray's, are cheaper.

There are also competitors such as Thinking Machines with radical new parallel-processing architectures in which many smaller computers work in tandem. These machines, though sometimes cumbersome, can run rings around the Cray on certain scientific problems.

On top of this came the departure of Mr Chen, who was considered the heir to Cray's founder, Seymour Cray, as chief designer. Mr Chen was working on a futuristic parallel processing machine known as the MP that Cray cancelled when it was determined that the project was too expensive and too technologically ambitious. Mr Chen left to form his own company, Supercomputer Systems which has received backing from IBM.

Mr Chen's company and IBM have said that they will develop jointly a supercomputer for release in the early 1990s that is likely to use 64 processors working in parallel and be far faster than any current machine.

He has also announced plans for a Cray 4, which would appear about 1992 or 1993 and is expected to be 10 times as fast as the Cray 3, or 1,000 times as powerful as the original Cray 1. It might use up to 64 processors in parallel.



DNA by numbers

This computer-generated picture of the DNA molecule is an example of the latest piece of software to try to integrate highly complex animated graphics into the heavy computation of the supercomputer world.

Ardent Computer is developing what it describes as a single-user supercomputer at the relatively modest price of £60,000. One particular flourish is the program that will build automatic graphics.

Ardent hopes to sell enbough copies of the package to establish it as a *de facto* standard for the process. To encourage this, it will provide a licence for the graphics software, which will also run on Cray and Sun work-stations, to universities and research laboratories for £200 compared to more than £10,000 for more commercial users

Japanese scientists are devising new solutions for sea transport and in the depths are finding help from snails

Robots on the ocean wave

By Andrew Wiseman

More than 100 years after the Mary Celeste was found crewless, but otherwise fully operational, in the North Atlantic, Japanese ship-builders believe that an ocean-going, sail-assisted robot fleet will become a viable proposition next century.

According to Doctor Noboru Hamada, president of the Japan Marine Machinery Development Association, his experts are convinced that this innovative system of sea transport could compete favourably with air freight.

Researchers are working on the assumption that each unit will consist of a mother ship, with a small crew of 20 to 30 people, who will remotely control four to five robot barges from its bridge by a computerized system.

All barges will have an engine, but will also be equipped with modern sails for auxiliary propulsion. Designed to take advantage of any available wind, these are automatically controlled and greatly reduce fuel consumption.

Research has shown that such sails cut a vessel's rolling, pitching and yawing, making it easier for it to hold its course. Ships equipped with them can operate efficiently in rough seas and have a much better punctuality record.

Doctor Hamada is certain that all efficient ships of tomorrow will have to incorporate a sail-assisted system.

All crew members of a robot-fleet unit will be quartered in the mother ship and control the barges under their command by radio. As the unit approaches its destination, selected sailors will be flown to the barges by helicopter, to navigate them into port.

Among the advantages claimed for such a system are reduced crewing levels, the constant presence of the mother ship to cope with accidents or damage to the barges and better living and working conditions for the crew. But, perhaps most importantly, it should be much cheaper to build, operate and maintain than conventional freight carrying vessels.

The Japanese are so confident that the idea will work, that sea trials should start later this year. An experimental voyage from Tokyo to Los Angeles is planned for the summer of 1989, when an ocean-going tug will act as the mother ship to a specially designed robotized research ship of 100 tons.

Determined to give continued employment to their yards, Japanese ship-builders are also developing a high-speed, 14,000-ton, ocean-going container carrier, more than 100 metres long. Powered by a gas turbine, it should be capable of 45 knots, with a cargo of 1,000 tons in a submarine-shaped and semi-submerged hull about 20 metres below sea level.

Doctor Hamada believes that another research programme, now in full swing, will also help sea power in its fight against air freight. It is a superconductive, electric-propulsioned system.Work on lightweight and compact marine generators and motors, based on the principle of superconductivity, is now being vigorously pursued by JAMDA.

Significantly smaller and lighter than convention generators — about a tenth of their size and weighing 80 per cent less, they should give a much-needed boost to container ships — particularly those with semi-submerged hulls — by increasing their speed.

The Japanese are building a 480 kilowatt, super-conductive direct-current experimental engine. If tests prove successful, they will develop a 15,000-20,000-kw generator for practical use. This will inevitably led to freighters of a totally new design. For one thing, because such engines could be installed anywhere on a ship, the traditional engine room will, like the crew of the Mary Celeste, disappear forever.

Neural secrets of the little molluscs

By Robert Matthews

Japanese scientists believe that sea molluscs hold the key to the design of a revolutionary new type of intelligent computer.

By designing machines which mimic the structure of the brain, researchers believe that they will be able to build computers capable of performing similar feats, such as rapidly recognizing patterns and working on many tasks at the same time.

But the complexity of the human mind has greatly hampered efforts to copy its abilities. Scientists at Mitsubishi's central research laboratories in Tokyo have decided to attack the problem by working on the thought processes of sea molluscs, creatures with only about 100,000 brain cells, compared to the 10,000 million in the human mind.

Though the sea mollusc has a far smaller brain, it still exhibits the ability to learn, making it valuable in research on the design of intelligent computers.

Dr Kazuo Kyuma, one of the Mitsubishi researchers, said that the experimental results are now being combined with models of how brains work to provide blueprints for the design of intelligent "neural" computers.

These are likely to use beams of light, rather than electricity, to carry information inside the machine. This is because by splitting the beams, a problem can be divided up and worked on simultaneously by different parts of the computer, greatly increasing its speed.

The researchers are working on an radically new type of memory for an optical computer, which has the human-like ability to recall large amounts of information after being given small clues.

Some of the key components of the memory have already been built by Mitsubishi, claim the researchers.

PERSPECTIVE

In search of the good consultant

The business community generally holds mixed if not differing views about computer consultants, depending on their own particular experiences. They may represent a tried and tested source of valuable advice to a pleased client, a badly disguised salesman to a client who was not or a band of interfering parasites forcing an unnecessary wedge between customer and supplier to the frustrated salesman.

The term consultant, often used by computer manufacturers, software houses, bureaus and others to denote a senior adviser on their products, is legitimate but has another meaning.

Their use of the term is a thorn in the flesh of the genuine independent consultant. There are many such people to whom the term consultant represents a marketing ploy or a promotion in their career development between, say, salesman and manager.

The audit-based firms provide a career path for consultancy and many people follow it. While their independence may be questioned — some are in fact selling hardware or software — the audit firms have traditionally provided professional training and careers for many people.

There is an additional band of consultants, independent in their judgement but rather lonely. These are the experienced outsiders brought into large group companies in order to foster, implement and control information-technology matters.

They usually reside at group head office and strive to provide the compatibility, integration and operational aspects of computing. Sometimes they fall into the morass of politics between head-office and subsidiary companies.

Both big and small may be beautiful in business but in between the accountancy giants and the individual practitioner there is a small number of independent consultancy firms.

Many, however, have fallen to the lure of sales commission and lost their independent status by selling equipment and software often to vertical markets.

Consultants tend to specialize. Vertical markets are attractive as the experience once gained can be used many times over and referrals have a direct impact on marketing their services.

Be it the motor trade, the legal profession or the National Health Service, all have their specialists providing a highly individual service. Others specialize by applications.

Here the audit firms have an obvious advantage with accounting functions, the CAD/CAM specialist in manufacturing, the trainer in implementation and expert witness in litigation matters.

The consultant who does not specialize or limit his or her advice by vertical market or by application concentrates on the skills of consultancy, providing a management consultancy or business service to his clients, by the analysis of problems and the provision of recommendations.

What is the role of this plethora of consultancy types and what service do they or



William Jacot makes an appeal for the independent operator

should they provide to their clients? All should have the same objective: to provide their client with unbiased, professional and informed advice on the questions asked.

That is after all what the client is paying for. Most consultants belong to an appropriate professional body and my own, the Association of Professional Computer Consultants (APCC), has a code of conduct which insists such an objective is met.

Too many computer people are vulnerable to the criticism that their excessive and self-imposed jargon blinds them to the realities of business life.

But computer skills wrapped in business knowlege are not enough. The successful computer consultant requires a further characteristic which while difficult to define is essential to success. He or she nees to be a good communicator.

Senior management, recent trends suggest, in the professions, industry and commerce is becoming very much more aware of the essentials of computing; more interested in the control of the computer function and less confused by the marketing jargon.

It is a fair assumption that consultants will find themselves increasingly subject to informed interrogation as to their experience, competence, independence and profesional skills. The professionals are at last taking over.

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Hard schedules for software

A big increase in computer workload is in the offing with new government legislation, says Caroline Berman



Roger Toms: "We're as big as a large company with a £500 million budget"

The proposed changes in the way local authorities are run may mean upheavals in most departments, and for the computer departments it will certainly mean some hefty work.

New systems to administer the poll tax, competitive tendering and the Education Reform Bill will all have to be written, since without computers these schemes would be impossible to administer.

Local authority computer departments may not be renowned for paying the highest wages but the work is growing and there are other advantages: "The main advantage of working in local government is the variety of the work, and a positive approach to career development and training," insists Roger Toms, County Information Systems Officer at Surrey County Council.

JOBSCENE

Surrey County Council currently has 13 different "businesses" within the one organization, providing a variety of computing services, from technical systems for architects and engineers, financial systems for accountants and administrative systems for solicitors and committee clerks, to systems for social services to personnel records.

That gives the opportunity for staff to get experience of a number of different types of computer use — instead of working in an organization like a bank where you're just dealing with financial systems.

"We're as big as a large company, with a £500 million annual budget, 20,000 employees and 100 systems live on machines," said Toms. And the public sector is one of the few ways an inexperienced newcomer can enter the computing profession.

Local authorities' policy has always been to take on trainees. "There is a well-established career and training path which private sector companies don't have. We take on 14 to 16 trainees a year, out of a total staff of 150 people," said Mr Toms.

But the reason why so many trainees are needed is that it is difficult for the local authorities to attract experienced staff. "The basic salaries are not far off the market but there is not such a good overall earnings package.

"We don't have cheap home loans, non-contributory pension schemes, Bupa membership etc. We can't attract experienced staff, who get all the perks elsewhere."

However, the public sector has made an effort not to fall too far behind the going rates for the job by offering increments for those staff most in demand.

Although traditionally local councils haven't been able to offer company cars, several authorities are now going half way there by providing leased car arrangements, car allowances and car loan facilities. Relocation and removals expenses are also being offered as incentives.

Local government can also be fairly progressive employers, offering flexible working hours, job sharing or even home working. Councils can also offer employees a fixed number of working hours each week and long holidays. Walsall has a 37-hour week and 26 days annual leave (plus public holidays) and Peterborough Council has a 36½ hour week.

Another important element of working in local authority computer departments is the feeling that you are doing something for the community. Many of those who work in the local government would not want to work in a place where the motive was purely commercial.

The social services systems, in particular, are built to offer a better public service, and not for any profit motive. Information technology can improve local people's lives.

In some parts of the country, the local authority may be the only major computer user in the area, and so tends to employ people who live in the area. Mike Glarvey, computer services manager at Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council, said it was difficult to attract people into the area so offers extensive training schemes to help in retaining existing staff.

Working for local authorities has traditionally been seen as a job for life — secure and with an index-linked contributory pension. But Surrey had to make 10 people redundant in 1984 because of cutbacks, although it hasn't happened since then. "The idea of a job for life was never really true. It was just assumed to be so," said Mr Toms.

Most local government computer jobs are still fairly secure despite the cutbacks, since local authorities can still economize by expanding their computer services. And as more government-initiated changes come in, so the challenges for the local authority computer departments look set to increase.

BRIEFING

■ Three large Japanese firms are expecting work on a new range of standardized computers and chips to result in the first products by the middle of next year. They will be based on a Japanese-developed structure called TRON, which should make all the equipment and software based on it interchangeable. TRON has also been designed to allow processing in the Japanese language — something which the current US developed software and systems are not good at. The firms involved are Fujitsu, Hitachi and Mitsubishi Electric, though more than 90 other Japaanes manufacturers have said they will support TRON.

■ The US Defence Secretary, Frank Carlucci, has rejected West European calls for loosening controls on high-technology exports to the Soviet Union. Mr Carlucci, addressing a seminar in Munich last week, attended by 180 Nato leaders and defence experts, criticized appeals for the COCOM list of banned technology, to be cut in response to Soviet reforms and recent progress in disarmament. Such calls have emanated in particular from West Germany.

COCOM, the Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls, agrees limits on high-technology exports to the Soviet block from Japan and all members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, except Iceland. It is currently updating its ban list. A two-day meeting of the organization last month in France agreed to redouble policing of sensitive exports but reduced the number of items subject to restrictions.

■ Borrowing from sculptors, scientists have developed a new technique that reveals the microscopic cracks that form as rocks or buildings collapse under pressure. Tiny, branching fissures are often the key to the stress failure that leads to the collapse of dams or building walls. By making three-dimensional casts of such microcracks, researchers at the University of California, at Berkeley, hope to shed light on problems ranging from earthquake-resistant construction to building nuclear waste repositories.

The scientists, Zigiong Zheng and Neville Cook, inject molten metal into the tiny rock fissures under extreme pressure. When the metal hardens, they use acid to burn away the rock. The complex forms exposed by the technique show two different kinds of cracks. Fissures exist at the boundaries of individual grains in the original rock. And the researchers find that stress cracks are also created, generally in the direction of the pressure applied to the material.

Japanese firms to serve up the chips

■ One of the new generation of companies to emerge from Scotland's strong electronics base has opted for Livingston, West Lothian, as its headquarters. The firm, 3L, has been spun out of a division of Lattice Logic when it merged with ES2 (European Silicon Structures). The new firm is to concentrate on the market for compilers and systems software for the transputer industry. Employing seven staff, 3L hopes to persuade application engineers to introduce parallel computer networks, based on the Inmos Transputer, rather than the massive financial investment required to establish mainframe computer systems.

■ South Korea has developed its own super semi-conductor chips and is planning to export them next year. It is the third country after the United States and Japan to develop the superchip, which can store as much information as 30 newspapers. The 4 megabit dynamic random access memory (D-RAM) chip, the most sophisticated semi-conductor commercially available, has been a source of fierce competition and trade friction between Japan and the United States. The chips were jointly developed by a government-backed institute and three local electronic firms. One of them, Samsung Semiconductor, paid an undisclosed sum to the US-based Texas Instruments last year in an out-of-court settlement of its alleged copying of chips used in computers, printers, facsimile machines and electronic switching boards.

■ An Interdisciplinary Research Centre in surface science — one of the key areas on which Britain will concentrate its research effort in the next decade — is to be set up at Liverpool University, which had competed with a number of other universities and institutions of higher education to get such a centre. It will have a staff of about 50, including academics, post-doctoral research workers, technicians, and visiting scientists from other universities in Britain and overseas. The SERC will contribute up to £10 million over the next six years to the centre, which is being established to find out more about the surfaces of materials.

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A simple route over the jumps for the point-to-point copier

By Ken Young

There are now estimated to be more than 150,000 facsimile users in Britain — double that of last year, and with predictions that sales will double again this year.

Fax, a kind of point-to-point photocopier, has succeeded where other new technologies have failed, mainly because it's so simple to use. Most people have heard of the concept, and even newcomers can learn to use a machine in a matter of minutes.

John Innes, national sales manager for Sharp, the UK's fourth largest supplier, says that fax is spreading throughout office life: "It is moving out of the telex room as portable and desk-top products become more available." Mr Innes predicts a 10 per cent decline in prices this year due to the introduction of new models.

He says one of the main design trends will be the incorporation of a telephone as standard. Currently, users must supply their own phones for most models.

With more than 22 suppliers and more than 100 different products, it is not surprising that the average buyer is often confused.

Caroline Dey, head of the fax division at British Telecom, says this influenced the development of its fax range and, particularly, its latest launch, a £1,900 unit, which



can also act as a photocopier and phone. It has already been dubbed the "Yuppiefax" and could become an executive toy to supplement the personal computer.

A trend which is likely to take off in 1989 is that of plain paper fax machines. Standard thermal fax paper degrades over time and is not suitable for long-term storage. Near-plain paper machines are aimed at small businesses and the professional market — solicitors, accountants, estate agents.

But critics of plain-paper fax say it increases paper costs. A standard sheet of A4 fax costs less than a penny. Plain-paper fax works out at around eight pence. For most users a photocopy of a fax sheet, at about a penny a time, is the cheapest and simplest option.

Buying a fax is seen by the companies involved as like buying a car. Reliability is not really a big issue, what really counts is the features, the look and the price. Manufacturers are bending over backwards to offer features that offer some extra attraction to prospective buyers. They are also making the machines a matter of child's play to use.

At the bottom end it is possible to buy a fax for as little as £1,500 and shopping around is recommended, as retail outlets seek to out-bid each other for the business.

From there, you can spend as much as £5,000 for an advanced machine with all mod cons.

Despite the fall in prices, potential small users are still holding back because of the running costs. This includes the installation of a new phone line, the monthly rental, the phone bill and the paper bill. It is, of course, cheaper, but very inconvenient, if used on an existing phone line.

Ninety-nine per cent of the fax machines in use are known as Group 3. This is a standard that allows competing machines to link, and is characterized by being able to transmit an A4 page in 20 seconds.

The one to watch over the next 18 months is Group 4, which can reduce transmission time to three seconds by using digital technology and offers the potential for colour fax. Market leaders, NEC and Canon, both sell Group 4 machines, but at over £12,000 a unit.

Peter Edmonson, of Canon, is sober about the sales potential of such a machine. "Its market is limited at present due to the lack of digital lines. But the market should grow this year as the digital network comes on stream and digital PABXs come into use."

A 'domino' theory used in automation

By Frank Brown

A low-cost device the size of a domino could help accelerate the adoption of automated manufacturing techniques in the world's industrial countries.

It is a computerized tag, which promises to increase the flexibility of automated production lines by enabling them to make mass-produced items in a wide range of variants. Attached to either the item being made or its pallett, the tag guides it through its various manufacturing stages.

At each stage, a special microchip in the tag is automatically "interrogated," providing information which instructs and controls the production equipment to carry out the appropriate processing or assembly work on, and up-date the computerized memory of the tag.

The chip can store up to 20 kilobytes — about 2,000 characters of information. Its designers — the French firm, Statec Technologies — claims it will last more than 10 years, even in harsh conditions.

Statec says the system is more versatile than the bar code methods of product-identification, currently used on mass-produced lines. It can also decentralize product information databases to where they are needed on the production line, reducing shop-floor dependence on centralized computer operations.

In an automatic warehouse, for example, the tags could be attached to pallets and rack shelves, with the interrogator units, connected to automatic cranes.

Each shelf tag could hold all the information needed for efficient stock-handling — product-description, quantity, weight, reservation ability and date of manucture.

The company first put the tag on the production line in 1981. These earlier systems were simpler — the storage capacity was only 64 bytes — and physically much larger in size.

Nevertheless, the French company has since secured over 60 per cent of the European market for production-line identification systems — currently estimated to be around £200 million, and growing by more than 30 per cent a year.

It also has more than half the equally fast-growing US market.

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TECHNOLOGY

At last, a forgery-proof note?

By Nick Nuttall

An Australian 10-dollar note issued for the bicentenary could lead to a transformation in the manufacture of the world's currencies. Though it behaves and feels like a traditional paper note, the bill is made from plastic — a secret cocktail of polymer fibres.

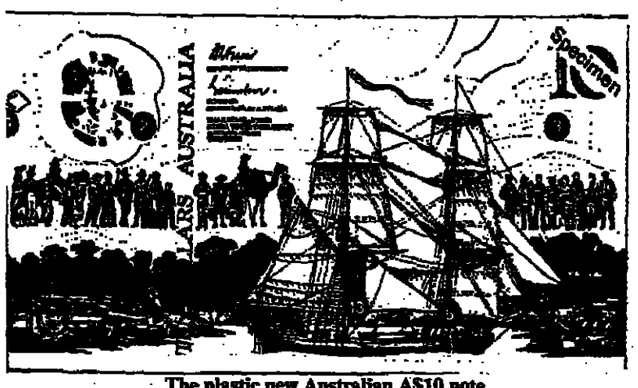
Scientists at the Commonwealth Industrial Research Organization and the Australian Reserve Bank printing works have developed special inks to print the designs. They claim the note is a great technical breakthrough with several key advantages over conventional paper.

Not least is a belief that the polymer base will be more durable giving the bill a longer circulation life especially in hot and humid countries where moisture is a particular problem.

However, it is the ability to *incorporate new weaponry* in the war against counterfeiters, which is delighting the scientists and intriguing central banks *worldwide, including* the Bank of England.

Sandwiched between wafer-thin reflective aluminium coating is an optical variable device (OVD) which depicts a high-tech Captain Cook surrounded by a clear area.

As light rays strike the device, they are deflected into the colours of the rainbow. A shift in the angle of viewing creates different colour patterns.



The plastic new Australian A$10 note

Bob Pearson of the Reserve Bank's Sydney office, said: "It is important to stress that this is not a hologram. If a counterfeiter tried using a photocopying technique to reproduce the note *he'd find it very difficult because the* OVD turns black. A forger's only alternative would be to print and fix an OVD himself. And that would be very expensive because the technology is highly sophisticated."

Other security aspects include watermark-type effects such as waves and diamonds built into the plastic during the early stages of manufacturing.

From the outset, the Australian scientists knew that successfully exporting either the technology or the blank polymer note itself rested on central banks' being able to harness existing printing techniques.

Consequently traditional features such as raised or *intaglio* printing for designs, signatures, legal tenders clauses and denominations require no special technology. The cost of producing plastic money is, they say, no more expensive than manufacturing paper bills.

The Australian government clearly believes the $20 million spent on research and development is well spent; plans to phase in plastic throughout the country's currency have already been drawn up.

However, though public acceptance of the new bill appears high, some unpatriotic Australians have gone in for bicentennial note-bashing and have found Captain Cook's high-tech head less durable than the scientists had hoped.

This is being blamed more on poor quality control than flawed technology. As Bob Pearson is at pains to point out, "Conventional currency under a sustained attack by someone determined to deface doesn't bear up particularly well.

"We have people going at the OVD with knives, razor-blades, anything you care to name. We are confident that the note stands up better than paper under normal usage."

Despite this slight setback Australia's Reserve Bank believes the plastic note will be a real money-spinner. *Talks with other nations' central* banks have been going on and Mr Pearson believes several countries are close to bringing in the plastic bill.

He added: "Officially the Bank of England has no plans but we know they are very interested."

In the secretive world of bank-note production, inquiries are received with as much enthusiasm as a request for a four-figure personal overdraft. However an official of the old lady of Threadneedle Street admitted that scientists at the bank's Debden, Essex printing works would be carefully scrutinizing the new note.

He said: "There are some very interesting security features on the plastic notes. Clearly, if it stands up to examination it could well be something for us."

Blinkered suppliers miss out on wider markets

By Matthew May

Poor market research has lulled computer suppliers into "a false sense of security which enabled Amstrad to take them to the cleaners last year." So says Philip Virgo, editor of a new report roundly critical of several aspects of the British microcomputer market.


Philip Virgo: 'A false sense of security'

Suppliers are continuing to make the same mistake, he argues, by pricing innovations such as desktop publishing too high for mass markets to develop. The components of a laser printer for example, argues Mr Virgo, are such that there should be no problem in producing them at well under a £1,000.

Mr Virgo said: "The problem is that suppliers see a low volume of sales and so want an extremely high mark-up, but there are several products where mass production costs mean you could divide the price by four and see sales increase tenfold."

Hence personal computer equipment and software is growing little faster than prices are falling and suppliers "will probably again be caught by suprise when a consumer marketeer repackages the same components at a quarter of the price next year."

Innovations in storage, communications and display, says the report, are often between four and 10 times the price at which the markets for them will take off.

Mr Virgo is equally scathing about the difficulties of getting information in and out of equipment and helping customers use computers, dial up services and even video recorders to their full effect.

Strategy Services, argues that with innovation being technology driven rather than being market-led suppliers are missing out on a huge potential new generation of users

This group "has yet to be matched by those suppliers who rate raw power more highly than deliverable performance and technical features more highly than user features."

The bulk of systems is described as unfit for use by senior management partly because electronic mail and database access systems "are not in tune with the ways in which such individuals commonly work". It is a view that users of British Telecoms electronic mail service Telecom Gold are likely to consider something of an understatement.

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HORIZONS

A guide to career opportunities

Think again before you take up jogging

The foot, consisting of 26 bones, is subject to more pressure and to more injury than any other part of the body. We mistreat it by cramming our feet into tight shoes; we go jogging on hard pavements; we let children wear shoes made of materials which won't allow the feet to breathe, or dress babies in stretch garments which distort their toes.

Feet may also be congenitally deformed, or affected by certain diseases, including circulatory disorders, diabetes and other metabolic diseases, dermatitis and arthritis. Painful feet are bad enough and may eventually lead to complete loss of mobility, but poor foot function can also cause backaches, stiff necks and hip pain.

Foot trouble is alarmingly widespread. Studies show that more than 90 per cent of schoolchildren in the United Kingdom have problems with their shoes or feet, and 89 per cent of elderly people need some kind of footcare.

Yet there are nothing like enough

> We neglect shamefully the part of the body which carries us, but as **Joan Llewelyn Owens** points out, there is no lack of opportunity to correct the damage

Chiropodists often the first to see circulatory problems

state-registered chiropodists in the country to provide treatment. It has been calculated that at least double the present numbers (6,000) are needed. Only state-registered chiropodists may work in the Health Service.

Chiropodists can do far more to help than most people realize. Not only do they ease discomfort by dealing with corns and callouses, they can treat and help to heal pressure ulcers. With the use of local anaesthesia, they perform minor operations for the treatment of ingrowing toenails, or the removal of verrucae (plantar warts).

They prescribe, and often make, individual appliances and orthoses to relieve pressure on the foot or to improve posture and walking or running performance.

The preventative aspect of their work is important, too. An increasing number of education authorities now provide chiropody screening services for school children. Incipient problems can often be corrected early on, and education given on correct footwear and footcare.

Until we reach the age of about 20, the bones in the foot are still soft, and toes can be deformed by tight socks or shoes.

At such clinics, foot-related orthopaedic problems may also be detected and referred in time for effective treatment to be carried out. Chiropodists are often the first, too, to recognize early signs of those medical conditions in adults and children which manifest themselves in the feet and lower leg. These include diabetes and varicose veins and other circulatory problems.

Chiropodists work in many different settings. In hospitals, they cooperate with medical teams in, for example, diabetic, antenatal, orthopaedic, neurological and rheumatology wards. There are opportunities, too, for district chiropodists in health centres, old people's homes and mobile clinics in rural areas. They also visit the elderly housebound.

Many industrial companies provide a chiropody service for their employees, and so do a number of sporting organizations and ballet companies. Chiropodists accompany our national teams to the Olympic Games and attend sporting events, such as the World Cup.

All need some form of treatment. Another useful service the chiropodist can perform is to analyse the movements of a runner or marksman through biomechanics (the study of human gait). It is then often possible to provide custom-built inserts for their shoes, in order to improve performance and posture.

Many chiropodists go into private practice, probably after experience in the Health Service. Private practice can offer a very good living and complete independence, with the opportunity to specialize, and possibly to combine with part-time teaching, one of the schools of chiropody recognized by the Chiropodists' Board of the Council for Professions Supplementary to Medicine.

The training lasts three years full-time. Students must be at least 18 and should have obtained a minimum of five GCE or GCSE passes (grades A to C), to include English language and preferably two sciences.

Normally two of the passes should be at A-level, and most schools prefer the A-levels to consist of two sciences. Occasionally, particularly in the case of a mature student, schools will waive some of the entrance requirements.

The London Foot Hospital and School of Chiropody, which currently receives about 250 applications for 36 places, looks for well-motivated, mature people with some knowledge of the profession, manual dexterity and a caring attitude.

Subjects studied are: theoretical and practical chiropody, anatomy, anatomy dissection, dermatology, life sciences, materia, medica, medicine, microbiology, pathology, pharmacology, physiology, interpretive radiology, surgery, local analgesia and skin surgery, appliance construction and shoe fitting.

By courtesy of the principal, Miss Anne Wilson, and her deputy, Mrs Moira Wood, I watched second and third year students at work in clinics, under the supervision of their teachers. In the diabetic clinic, Mr K.P. Robertson, a senior teacher, explained that in this disease the skin became thick because of lack of collagen.

So they were carrying out clinical trials, which involved the implantation of collagen in the soles of the feet. The patient had lost all sensation in her feet.

Orthotic devices for a congenital lack of toes

"Before I had the implant", she told me, "I used to get a lot of ulcers on the base of my foot." These had now cleared.

Another patient had developed frostbite as a result of sleeping rough, and had received a skin graft in hospital. He was suffering deep ulcers, and a third-year, and a third-year student were "debriding," or removing the callous from the edges in order to promote healing. A surgical boot had been made for this man, "but", said Mr Robertson, "we think he should have a moulded insole, to take the pressure off the open ulcers. We shall make a cast of the under surface of his feet, and when we had provided the insole, will see him regularly to make sure that it is working."

In the appliance laboratory I saw third-year students making up some of these orthotic devices, including an insert for the shoe of a 15-year-old girl who had a congenital absence of toes. With the insert she should be able to walk more comfortably.

I also watched more everyday procedures, including the removal of corns (one under a toenail), the cutting of overlong toenails, and the thinning, with a special drill, of nails which were abnormally thick and tough. And I was reminded that, in any chiropody practice, the bulk of the work consists of maintaining mobility.

● **Careers literature is available from The Society of Chiropodists, 53 Welbeck Street, London, W1M 7HE.**

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Closing date: 4th March, 1988.

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If you cannot attend on one of these days, or would like more information, please contact Merial White, Nurse Recruitment Officer, Hackney Hospital, Homerton High Street, London E9.

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MOLE VALLEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

PUBLIC & HEALTH CARE

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A.R. Hodgson, Clerk to Hampshire Police Authority, The Castle, Winchester. Hampshire. S023 8UJ.

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The Director General
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Applications in writing to:

Miss W.I. Rouse,
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- Further details and application forms are available from: Mr. Mike Taylor, CM(S)1bR, Room 8117, St. Christopher House, Southwark Street, London SE1 0TD.
- The closing date for applications is 31 March 1988.

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RGN's

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If you have the necessary experience and qualifications and an interest in a positive career move, please telephone or write for an application form to Ms S. L. Page, Director of Nursing, Cromwell Hospital, Cromwell Road, London SW5 0TU. Tel. 01-370 4233. Ext. 5045.

Closing date for applications 12 November 1987.

CROMWELL HOSPITAL

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Adrian Lee
Operations Director
The Rehabilitation Group Limited
Huntercombe Manor
Huntercombe Lane South
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The Hospitals for Sick Children

Great Ormond Street, London WC1N 3JH

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For further details please telephone Guildford (0483) 502007 ext 2007 (24 hour answering) or write to the Personnel Officer, Guildford Borough Council, Millmead House, Millmead, Guildford, Surrey GU2 5BB quoting the appropriate post number.

The Head of Department, Brendan Hanvey, will be pleased to discuss the posts informally if you contact him on Guildford (0483) 505050 ext 3000.

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The appointment is subject to the Local Government superannuation scheme. The Association's offices are located in Central London. Further information may be obtained from Mr J C Price at the address below.

Applications should be sent to Mr J C Price FRVA, Acting Secretary, The Rating and Valuation Association, 115 Ebury Street, London, SW1W 9QT. Telephone No. 01-730-7258/7259 and 7250. Closing date 14th March 1988.

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The difficult concept of possession in relation to drugs

Regina v McNamara
Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Drake and Mr Justice Henry
[Judgment February 12]

The concept of "possession" and the effect of section 28(3) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 were explained by the Court of Appeal when dismissing an appeal by James Joseph McNamara, aged 22, from his conviction at Snaresbrook Crown Court (Judge Owen Stable, QC and a jury) on a count of possession of 20kg of cannabis resin with intent to supply unlawfully to another, contrary to section 5(3) of the 1971 Act.

He was sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

Section 28(3) provides: "Where in any proceedings for an offence to which this section applies it is necessary, if the accused is to be convicted of the offence charged, for the prosecution to prove that some substance . . . involved in the alleged offence was the controlled drug which the prosecution alleges it to have been, and it is proved that the substance . . . in question was that controlled drug, the accused (a) shall not be acquitted of the offence charged by reason only of proving that he neither knew nor suspected nor had reason to suspect that the substance . . . in question was the particular controlled drug alleged; but (b) shall be acquitted thereof – (i) if he proves that he neither believed nor suspected nor had reason to suspect that the substance . . . in question was a controlled drug."

Mr Stephen Kamlish, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; the Crown did not appear and were not represented.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appellant rode up on his motor cycle to a house of a co-defendant. On the back of the motor cycle police found a cardboard box containing the cannabis resin.

He said that he did deliveries for a man called John but declined to give any further information about him. He thought the stuff he was delivering was pornographic or pirate videos. He never thought for a moment that he was carrying any drugs.

The judge directed the jury that they should convict the appellant if they were satisfied so as to be sure that he had possession of the contents of the cardboard box, which admittedly was cannabis resin, and knew that the box contained something, and unless on the balance of probabilities he had proved that he neither knew, suspected nor had reason to suspect that the box contained any controlled drug.

The jury were directed to acquit the appellant, notwithstanding they were satisfied that he was in possession of the cannabis resin, if they concluded that he probably did not know nor did he suspect nor did he have reason to suspect that the box contained a controlled drug.

Mr Kamlish contended that the direction was wrong and that the prosecution had to prove knowledge on the part of the appellant as to the nature of the contents of the box.

He was forced to concede, however, that if his argument was correct then the words of section 28(3) were otiose. He was unable in his argument to provide those words with a sensible meaning.

His Lordship said that the operation of section 28 was, to say the least, not free from difficulty.

For example, section 28(2) provided that, subject to subsection (3), "in any proceedings for an offence to which this section applies, it shall be a defence for the accused to prove that he neither knew of nor suspected nor had reason to suspect the existence of some fact alleged by the prosecution which it is necessary for the prosecution to prove if he is to be convicted of the offence charged".

If one read the words literally they seemed to cast on the defendant the burden of disproving all facts adduced by the prosecution in support of the charges. That could not possibly have been the intention of the draftsmen.

The view in *R v Ashton-Rickhardt* ([1978] 1 WLR 37) was certainly that section 28(2) did not have that extraordinary effect.

However, in considering a passage from *Smith & Hogan Criminal Law* (3rd edition (1973) p73), Lord Justice Roskill, giving the court's judgment, went further than was necessary for the point in issue in that case and his remarks in that respect were *obiter*.

One started off with the proposition that the prosecution had to prove basic possession. That sounded simple. It was not simple because the concept of possession was itself an extremely difficult one to understand.

Before the passing of the 1971 Act the House of Lords in *R v Warner* ([1969] 2 AC 256) tackled the question of the position when a defendant knew that the "box" contained something but was mistaken as to the nature of the "thing".

Unhappily it was not altogether easy to extract from the speeches of their Lordships the *ratio decidendi* of that case. The following propositions seemed to their Lordships in the present case to emerge from *Warner*, doing the best that they could and appreciating that they might not have done full justice to the speeches in *Warner*.

1 A man did not have possession of something which had been put into his pocket or house without his knowledge – to use a current vulgarism, "planted on him".

2 A mere mistake as to the quality of a thing under the defendant's control was not enough to prevent his being in possession, for example, in possession of heroin believing it to be cannabis or aspirin.

3 If the defendant believed that the thing was of a wholly different nature from that which in fact it was, then, to use the words of Lord Pearce, at p305 in *Warner*, "the result would be otherwise".

4 In the case of a container or box the defendant's possession of it led to the strong inference that he was in possession of the contents. But, if the contents were quite different in kind from what he believed, he was not in possession of them.

The *prima facie* presumption was discharged if he proved or raised a real doubt in the matter either (a) that he was a servant or bailee who had no right to open the box and no reason to suspect that its contents were illicit or were drugs, or (b) that, although he was the owner, he had no knowledge of, including a genuine mistake as to its actual contents or of their illicit nature and that he received them innocently and also that he had no reasonable opportunity since receiving the package of acquainting himself with its actual contents.

It seemed to their Lordships that it was with a view to elucidating some of the problems which arose from the speeches in *Warner* that the 1971 Act was passed.

In order to make sense of the provisions of section 28 and also to make as clear as could be possible the decision in *Warner*, the draftsmen of the 1971 Act intended that the prosecution should have the initial burden of proving that the defendant had and knew that he had the box in his control and also that the box contained something.

That, in their Lordships' judgment, established the necessary possession. The prosecution had also, of course, to prove that the box contained the drug alleged.

If any of those matters were unproved there was no case to go to the jury.

The speeches in *Warner* seemed to have qualified that comparatively simple concept by saying that the defendant had the burden thereafter of showing or suggesting that he had no right or opportunity to open the box or reason to doubt the legitimacy of the contents and that he believed the contents were different in kind and not merely in quality from what they actually were.

To implement those considerations as they stood and to explain them so that a jury could understand them and apply them would have been a daunting task for any judge.

Accordingly, it was to those matters that the words of particularly section 28(3)(b)(i) were directed.

Once the prosecution had proved that the defendant had control of the box, knew that he had control and knew that the box contained something which was in fact the drug alleged, in their Lordships' judgment the burden was cast on him to bring himself within those provisions.

The judge's direction was correct.

Before parting with the case their Lordships were bound to draw attention to the sort of difficulties which the judge had to face in the case. Mr Kamlish rose to his feet on a number of occasions during the direction to the jury in a way which, in their Lordships' view, was quite unnecessary.

Finally, in the jury's presence Mr Kamlish suggested that the judge had summed up improperly. That was a matter deserving of further censure. Eventually Mr Kamlish had grudgingly apologised to their Lordships.

The appeal failed.

Proving intention to possess

Regina v Lewis
Before Lord Justice May, Mr Justice Mars-Jones and Mr Justice Turner
[Judgment February 11]

What constituted "possession" was an elusive concept at common law but what it came down to in the final analysis was whether, on the facts, the defendant was proved to have had, or ought to have had imputed to him, the intention to possess.

The Court of Appeal so held when allowing an appeal by Gareth Edmund Lewis against his conviction at Merthyr Tydfil Crown Court (Judge Powell and a jury) on March 20, 1987 of two counts of possessing a controlled drug and sentence of nine months' imprisonment and three months' imprisonment concurrent respectively.

Mr Philip Brian Richards, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Neil Bidder for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE MAY, giving the judgment of the court, said that the prosecution case was that the appellant had been the sole tenant of a house in Troedyrhiw. On June 13, 1986 the house had been searched by police officers who found 42½g of amphetamine sulphate, with a street value of £750, and 1mg of cannabis resin.

The appellant was not present and the police left the search warrant behind, having endorsed it with a list of the property found.

The defence case was that the tenancy was a device whereby the appellant obtained social security benefits to which he was not entitled. He never intended to live there and visited only occasionally. When there he never looked in any cupboards and never suspected there might be drugs there. Other people went to the house. His wife and landlord testified that he was an infrequent visitor.

One of the grounds of appeal was that the trial judge had wrongly directed the jury on the meaning of "possession". It was clear that the trial judge had relied for his direction on the case of *R v Warner* ([1969] 2 AC 256).

While respectfully agreeing that that was the leading authority their Lordships took the view that the speeches in *Warner's* case seemed to reflect a substantial number of different shades of meaning and approach from which it was not easy to distill a conclusion relevant to the present appeal.

Their Lordships proposed to follow the approach of Lord Scarman in *R v Boyesen* ([1982] AC 768) (in adopting and applying the description of "possession" given by Lord Wilberforce in *Warner's* case) when he said: "The question to which an answer is required, and in the end a jury must answer it, is whether . . . the accused should be held to have possession of the substance rather than mere control . . . the jury should be invited to consider all the circumstances . . . by which the custody commences and the legal incident in which it is held . . . what knowledge or means of knowledge or guilty knowledge as to the presence of the substance, or as to the nature of what has been received, the accused had at the time of receipt or thereafter up to the moment when he is found with it; his legal relation to the subject or package . . .

"On such matters . . . they must make the decision whether, in addition to having physical control, he has, or ought to have imputed to him, the intention to possess, or knowledge that he does possess, a prohibited substance. If he has this intention or knowledge it is not additionally necessary that he should know the nature of the substance."

What the authorities made clear was that the question in the end was whether on the facts the defendant had been proved to have, or ought to have imputed to him, the intention to possess, or the knowledge that he did possess, what was in fact a prohibited substance.

On that approach their Lordships considered that the trial judge was not guilty of any misdirection and correctly left the proper question to the jury. It was not necessary for the jury to be directed that they had to be satisfied that the defendant had actual knowledge he had the articles under his control before they could convict.

On a second ground of appeal that the trial judge had erred in, at the least, implying to the jury that an adverse inference could be drawn from the fact that the defendant had made no reply when being questioned after caution, their Lordships held that, while the actual words used could have been better expressed, the ground of appeal was not made out.

However, the third ground, that the verdict of the jury on both counts was ambiguous, in that it was not clear from the transcript whether there had been a unanimous verdict on the one hand or a majority verdict on the other, was made out.

Their Lordships wished to emphasize that it was essential that the statutory procedure for taking verdicts should be followed precisely by the court at trial and by its officers, and further that it was the duty of counsel on both sides to see that that was done.

If the exchange between the clerk of the court and the foreman of the jury was as recorded in the transcript, each counsel should have been on his feet seeking to address the judge and to make sure that the verdict as received and recorded was unequivocal.

As the appellant was shortly to be released there would be little point in ordering a re-trial and the only proper course was to quash the convictions and sentences.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Merthyr Tydfil.

Personal approach by officer is necessary

Regina v Worthing Justices, Ex parte Waste Management Ltd

Before a defendant could be convicted under section 140(3) of the Highways Act 1980, of failing to remove a building skip from the highway when required to do so by a constable in uniform under section 140(2) 1980, it was necessary that a constable had appeared in person to tell the defendant to remove the skip. A request by the constable over the telephone was insufficient.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Russell and Mr Justice Tudor Evans) so held on January 29 in allowing an appeal by Waste Management Ltd against its conviction by Worthing Justices of the offence under section 140.

Evidence needed of inability

Grady v Pollard
Before Lord Justice Glidewell and Mr Justice French
[Judgment February 3]

The fact that an appellant said that he had made every effort to provide a sample of breath when requested under the provisions of the Road Traffic Act 1972, as substituted in Schedule 8 to the Transport Act 1981, was not capable of amounting to a reasonable excuse in itself; some additional evidence was necessary to show that he was unable to do so. Such evidence would normally be that of a doctor but it could be other evidence including, in some cases, that of the defendant himself.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing an appeal by Leonard Grady by way of case stated from Nottingham Crown Court which on November 26, 1987 had upheld his conviction by Worksop Justices on June 25, 1986 for two offences of failing to provide specimens of breath on August 6, 1985, contrary to sections 7 and 8 of the 1972 Act, as substituted.

Section 8 provides: ". . . (3) A person who without reasonable excuse, fails to provide a specimen of breath for a breath test . . . shall be guilty of an offence."

Mr Jeremy Barnett for the appellant; Mr Nigel Godsmark for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL said that much of the evidence was uncontested. The appellant was stopped by a police officer and asked to provide a specimen of breath.

The appellant attempted to blow into the breath test device but failed to illuminate the light on it. He told the police officer that he was trying as hard as he could. He stated that he was not suffering from any chest complaint or other ailment.

He was arrested and failed to provide a specimen of breath at the police station after apparently attempting to do so and then refused to undertake a second test. He was again asked if he was suffering from any chest complaint and replied in the negative.

At the crown court hearing the appellant had contended that he had blown as hard as he could. The prosecutor contended that the appellant had no reasonable excuse for failing to provide a specimen.

The crown court found that there was no reasonable excuse and dismissed the appeal. The crown court said that they did not consider whether the appellant would have had a defence to the charges if they were satisfied that he had tried as hard as he could to provide a specimen of breath.

Shortly afterwards, on December 19, 1986, the judgment in the case of *Colgrove v Cooney* ([1987] RTR 124) was reported in *The Times*. That was a decision of the Divisional Court in a case where the defendant had not provided a specimen. The facts there found by the magistrates were that the defendant had tried as hard as he could, that there was no wilful refusal and that the defence could raise reasonable excuse.

The question for the Divisional Court in that case was whether the defendant had a reasonable excuse. Mr Justice Peter Pain said that it seemed to him to be a matter of fact for the justices. Lord Justice Croom-Johnson, agreeing, said the question was whether there was a reasonable excuse. The justices had seen the police officer and the defendant and were in the best position to judge.

In the instant case, the question the crown court had put was: "Were we mistaken in law in failing to consider whether or not we were satisfied that the appellant had tried as hard as he could to provide a specimen of breath in each case?"

Counsel for the prosecution referred to a line of authorities which he submitted established that a defendant's trying as hard as he could was not good enough for a reasonable excuse.

The authorities started with *R v Lennard* ([1973] RTR 252) where Lord Justice Lawton said: "In our judgment no excuse can be adjudged a reasonable one unless the person from whom the specimen is required is physically or mentally unable to provide it or the provision of the specimen would entail a substantial risk to his health."

Other cases were *R v John* ([1974] RTR 332), *Woolman v Lenton* ([1985] Crim LR 516), *Anderton v Waring* ([1986] RTR 74) and *Dawes v Taylor* ([1986] RTR 81).

Those authorities, in his Lordship's view, bound the court unless there was some evidence that the defendant was unable through some physical or mental disability. Such evidence would normally be that of a doctor but it need not necessarily be so and could be other evidence including, even, that of the defendant himself.

Prosecution counsel said that *Colgrove v Cooney* was wrongly decided. It was not necessary for their Lordships to decide whether that case was wrongly decided because it did not avail the appellant in the present case.

The simple fact that the appellant had tried as hard as he could did not, in his Lordship's view, amount to a reasonable excuse. His Lordship would answer the question posed with a simple "No".

Mr Justice French agreed.

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Dilley discovers the discipline to take giant steps forward

From Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent, Christchurch

It has been a long time coming and there will still be those willing to doubt it, but on all the evidence of the past three days Graham Dilley is entitled to believe he has at last fulfilled his ambiton to be spoken of in the same breath as England strike bowlers of an earlier vintage.

Comparisons with recent incumbents can only be cruel. Dilley does not have the God-given class which brought John Snow his wickets, nor the tunnel vision which was the hallmark of Bob Willis. He has been too long in the making and, at 28, it is asking too much to think he can now join the greats. There should, however, be no shirking the tributes he has earned this week. He is the best England have, and in a time of dire need, he has proved much stronger and more durable than his many detractors would have believed possible.

England entered this Test series against New Zealand with what must surely be their rawest pace bowling attack for a great many years. Foster, the comforting factor of reliability, had gone home. Of those who remained, DeFreitas, Jarvis, Capel and Radford had between them played only 14 Tests, with an aggregate of 23 wickets. In a match which seemed certain to be decided by the quicker bowlers, Dilley was entrusted with enormous responsibility and, as ever, there were many prepared to mock his credentials.

His fitness record, of course, is not beyond reproach and even in Pakistan, before Christmas, he managed to play only one of the three Tests. This time, however, he has let nobody down. It was not simply his analysis, six for 38, which was impressive, it was also the discipline of his bowling and his unflagging perseverence. His first two spells were of 12 overs and 10 and he was running in as strongly at the end as he had been when the ball was new.

Dilley was yesterday enjoying the increasingly rare luxury of a day's relaxation in the middle of an overseas Test match. Partly on grounds of economy, but largely to squeeze in four one-day matches which will be of minimal interest to anyone outside the locality, the New Zealand authorities rejected England's request for rest days in the Tests, allowing just this one as a goodwill gesture. Dilley is not alone in believing that players, especially fast bowlers, need the traditional midway break and yesterday he was making the most of the opportunity to do nothing.

He weighed up my suggestion that he had never bowled better for England but decided, on balance, that he had been more satisfied with his performance in Brisbane last winter, when his five for 68 helped defeat Australia in the first Test. He recalled: "It was not such a helpful pitch and I had to work harder for my wickets. I also can't remember bowling anything down the leg side in Brisbane — I was disappointed to stray down there against the left-handers in this game."

Such self-deprecating attention to detail is good to hear, coming from one whose attitude has sometimes been unfairly questioned. The fact is that, even if he did err once or twice against the left-handers, Wright and Hadlee, he also dismissed them both without any severe reprisals.

His figures had another significant effect. For the first time, his Test bowling average is now below 30 and he will be anxious to keep it there. No bowler aspiring to the highest class should be happy to creep above 30 and, if Dilley still has some way to go to rival Snow (26.66) and Willis (25.20), let alone Trueman (21.57) he can be encouraged by his progress. Since that Brisbane game 15 months ago, Dilley has taken 40 Test wickets for England. At a time when the cupboard is not exactly overloaded, he is a precious commodity and if he can finish the job he has started here in New Zealand, his reputation will reach previously undiscovered heights.

SCORES: England 319 (B C Broad 114, R T Robinson 70, J E Emburey 42; D K Morrison 5 for 69, E J Chatfield 4 for 87) and 55 for 2; New Zealand 168 (R J Hadlee 37; G R Dilley 5 for 38).



Six-wicket salute: Dilley has come of age in Christchurch

Hughes shows a meaner streak

Perth (AP) — Merv Hughes, often the buffoon of Australian cricket, showed his meaner side here yesterday to turn in the best figures of his Test career and send Sri Lanka tumbling to defeat by an innings and 108 runs in the Test match here.

With McDermott suffering from a swollen right knee and Waugh below par with influenza, Border, the captain, was forced to thrust almost the entire bowling work-load on Hughes and Dodemaide as Sri Lanka resumed at 78 for four, still 183 runs behind.

Both responded to the challenge magnificently — especially Hughes. With typical gusto, he worked up considerable pace. Although he was inclined to be erratic and frequently bowled too short, he more than made up for a wicketless first innings by taking four wickets yesterday to finish with five for 67. Dodemaide chimed in with another two wickets to finish with four for 58.

Last man out for Sri Lanka was Ratnayeke, who went down fighting with a score of 38 before he was caught by Dyer — another of Australia's walking wounded. The wicketkeeper snapped a finger but nevertheless took six catches in the match.

Given these handicaps for Australia, Sri Lanka had little to be cheerful about

AUSTRALIA: First innings 455 (D M Jones 102, A R Border 88, D C Boon 64, G R Marsh 53; K N Amalean 4 for 97, J R Ratnayeke 4 for 98).

SRI LANKA: First innings 194.

Second innings

R S Mahanama run out	28
D B S P Kuruppu c Dyer b Dodemaide	3
S Kaluperuma c and b Hughes	6
P A de Silva lbw b Dodemaide	7
A Ranatunga lbw b Dodemaide	45
*R S Madugalle c Waugh b Hughes	7
J R Ratnayeke c Dyer b Dodemaide	38
†R G de Alwis c Waugh b Hughes	8
C Ramanayake c Veletta b Hughes	0
G F Labrooy b Hughes	4
K N Amalean not out	0
Extras (lb 6, nb 1)	7
Total	153

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-42, 3-42, 4-66, 5-83, 6-111, 7-130, 8-131, 9-153.

BOWLING: McDermott 4-2-8-0; Hughes 21-7-67-5; Waugh 8-4-14-0; Dodemaide 19.1-7-58-4.

FENCING

Winning in adversity

A three-man épée team from the London Thames club beat Salle Boston, the holders of the Savage Shield (British team championship) since 1975, nine victories to five in the final at the De Beaumont Centre, London (a Special Correspondent writes).

London Thames were one man short as the captain, Mike Corish, had to drop out of the final and, by the rules of the game, to concede four victories. The first victory of the match went to Boston 5-4 but then the London Thames's team spirit gained them the next nine wins.

The sport's extraordinary psychological effects were evident in this result, in that highly seeded fencers tend to lose through complacency and that sheer determination gains inspired victories.

RESULTS: British team championship: 1, London Thames (M Carpenter, J Melville, H West); 2, Salle Boston (Q Berriman, R Johnson, H Kamohan, N Mallett); 3, Combined Services (D Butler, P Hart, G Liston, D Mahony).

ICE HOCKEY

Redskins progress thanks to Didcott

By Norman de Mesquita

When end-of-season awards are distributed, not much notice is taken of the coach of an eighth-placed team. But two words from Terry Matthews, after Whitley Warriors struggled to beat Streatham Redskins 8-6, testified to the fine job Mark Didcott has done with his young squad in the Heineken League.

"They've improved," Matthews said with much admiration. The improvement can be measured in games against the Warriors. At Streatham at the end of December, the score was 10-2 and, a week later in Whitley Bay, it was 18-8.

Didcott has worked this improvement with a squad that includes seven teenagers and nine players experiencing their first premier division season.

By contrast, Nico Toemen, the league's chief referee, appears to be falling down on his job. Only two of the three on-ice officials turned up at Streatham, while the Medway Bears v Lee Valley Lions first division match was postponed because only one official arrived.

In the games that did take place, Murrayfield Racers, with wins over Ayr Bruins away and Solihull Barons at home, took over the leadership of the premier division from Fife Flyers, who were held to a home draw by the Barons, but gained their first away win over Durham Wasps for nine seasons.

In the first division south, Slough Jets beat Telford Tigers in the promotion match and the teams are now level on points. Their final meeting of the season is at Telford on March 5 and should be worth going a long way to see.

In the north, Kirkcaldy Kestrels suffered their first defeat in 14 games, against the all-conquering Cleveland Bombers, who are just a point behind the Trafford Metros with a game in hand. These two meet at Altrincham on March 6 in what promises to be another thriller.

RESULTS: Premier division: Ayr Bruins 4, Murrayfield Racers 13; Fife Flyers 8, Solihull Barons 8; Nottingham Panthers 5, Dundee Tigers 2; Peterborough Pirates 5, Durham Wasps 8; Dundee Tigers 6, Ayr Bruins 5; Durham Wasps 6, Fife Flyers 8; Murrayfield Racers 11, Solihull Barons 2; Nottingham Panthers 8, Peterborough Pirates 8; Streatham Redskins 6, Whitley Warriors 8. First division: Aviemore Blackhawks 1, Deeside Dragons 12; Blackpool Seagulls 5, Trafford Metros 19; Cleveland Bombers 13, Kirkcaldy Kestrels 5; Slough Jets 10, Telford Tigers 7; Southampton Vikings 9, Cardiff Devils 4; Swindon Wildcats 10, Lee Valley Lions 10; Cardiff Devils 10, Swindon Wildcats 10; Glasgow Eagles 3, Blackpool Seagulls 3; Kirkcaldy Kestrels 16, Deeside Dragons 4; Medway Bears v Lee Valley Lions, postponed; Richmond Flyers 6, Southampton Vikings 10; Trafford Metros 14, Sunderland Chiefs 4.

BOXING

Rival promoters braced for night under same roof

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Boxing supporters could be sitting comfortably by their television sets watching Britain's leading promoters slugging it out on March 9.

Mike Barrett and Mickey Duff have a show at Wembley and their rivals, Frank Warren and Barry Hearn, have booked the Albert Hall. Wembley has Duke McKenzie defending his European flyweight title against Agapito Gómez, of Spain, and at the Albert Hall, Trevor Currie challenges Horace Notice for the British heavyweight title. Both shows will be on television.

In these days of convoluted politics, the arrangement seems straightforward enough except that Barrett manages Currie and Terry Lawless, who has Gary Mason boxing Ricky Parkey, the former world cruiserweight champion, at Wembley, manages Notice.

Both Barrett and Lawless will have to be at the Albert Hall. Lawless was not amused at the prospect. "Grown people are behaving like kids," he said at a Barrett news conference half an hour earlier than a Warren one.

At the Moat House, Drury Lane, Warren and Hearn found the clash of dates highly amusing. Their rivals would have to flare across from Wembley to Kensington to be with their boxers. "What is wrong with having two boxing shows in London on the same night? You often have two football matches in London on the same day," Warren said. Hearn added: "The more shows the better. The boxers make money. That can't be bad."

The Warren news conference was not exactly one of the most informative I have ever attended. A moat seems to exist between everyone. Lawless did not speak to Hearn, who used to be his partner. Warren did not speak to Lawless, Barrett spoke to Hearn but not to Warren, Notice did not say a word to Currie, who did not want to speak to anyone but his trainer. And when asked whether Nigel Benn would be boxing on that night Warren did not want to speak about that either. "I will make an announcement tomorrow," he said.

If Benn boxes, Warren could rub salt in Lawless's wound by promoting the middleweight bout as top of the bill, above the heavyweight title bout. Warren could even knock out the Wembley bill if he were to gamble on the contest the fans have been waiting to see: Benn against Johnny Melfah, the hard-hitting Gloucester middleweight, in a British title eliminator.

Duff has decided to withdraw Michael Watson, of Islington, from the other British title eliminator against James Cook. "I don't believe in eliminators," he said on a transatlantic telephone hook-up from Florida at the first Press conference. "I would like Michael Watson to fight Nigel Benn." Alas, the public will have to wait for that for Warren's reply was: "Benn is a crowd-puller. No way am I going to let them cash in on Benn."

YACHTING

Austrians clear way to Olympics for cheats

By Barry Pickthall

The Austrian Yachting Federation has set a poser for the International Yacht Racing Union (IYRU) by issuing suspended sentences on the three Austrians found guilty of cheating aboard I-Punkt during last year's Admiral's Cup.

For two of these sailors, Hubert Raudaschl, sailmaker, and Stephen Puxkandl, his crewman, this leniency may now allow them to represent Austria in the Star Class at the Olympic Games despite the fact that they have been banned from racing in Britain, the United States, Australia and West Germany for periods varying between six months and two years for their part in this water ballast scandal.

This could pose a problem for the IYRU which, it would appear, has never encountered such a situation before. Entry to the Olympics is by each country's National Olympic Committee and if Raudaschl and Puxkandl are included in the Austrian team, other nations are almost certain to protest at their inclusion.

● Race four in the world 505 championships off Sydney was cancelled yesterday because of 30-knot gusts and heavy seas. Leading the series is Dean Blatchford, of Australia, the 1984 world champion, with a loss of 11 points from the titleholder, Krister Bergstrom, of Sweden, who was on 13.7.

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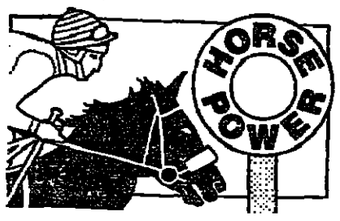
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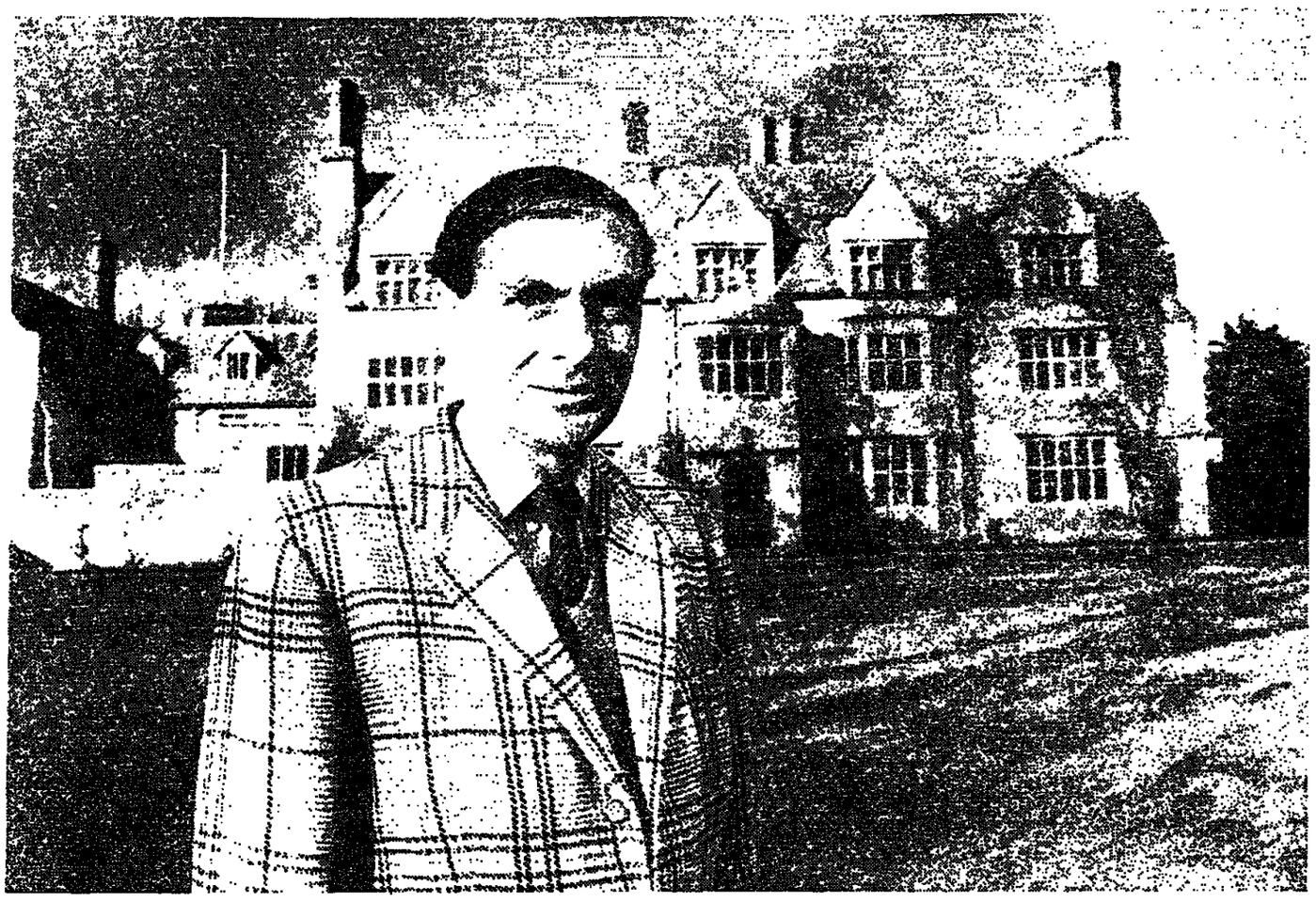
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Dual monarchy addressing the balance



Racing may never really have been the sport of kings it liked to think it was, but it has become a sport of the people. Twenty-two million people have a bet at least once a year and attendances at racecourses last year totalled 4,349,126. Racing employs more than 100,000 people on the racetracks, in the stables, in the betting shops and in all the other ancillary activities. Horse-race betting creates revenue of more than £300 million for the Government each year. Who are the people of power, what are the politics, how is racing preparing for the Nineties? Christopher R. Hill today begins a four-part study of the sport with an examination of the changing relations between the Jockey Club and the Betting Levy Board.



The modern look, the traditional background of the most powerful figure in the Jockey Club: Lord Fairhaven, senior steward for three years, at his home, Anglesey Abbey, between Newmarket and Cambridge. Lord Fairhaven (Eton, Sandhurst and the Royal Horse Guards), aged 51, is a noted owner and breeder. He became a member of the Jockey Club in 1977 (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)



Wigg: autonomy of Levy Board



Foster: secretary to the Jockey Club

Two bodies preside over the racing world, the Jockey Club, of which everyone has heard, and the Horserace Betting Levy Board, of which hardly anyone outside racing has heard.

The Jockey Club is a venerable, but far from senile, private club — its date of origin is lost in the mists of the eighteenth century, but it was first mentioned in print in 1752. It started as a group of like-minded noblemen and gentlemen, with their headquarters at Newmarket (the word "jockey" then signified an owner as much as a rider): gradually it extended its power over horseracing anywhere in the country. By controlling the rules of racing, it gained, and has retained, power not of life and death, but of livelihood or penury over jockeys, trainers, and other professionals in racing. It can also warn any racegoer off the turf, which means that, at least in theory, he may never set foot on any racecourse until the ban is lifted.

The club is served by an hereditary "civil service". Weatherby's, which used buccaneering tactics to gain control of the Sporting Calendar in 1769 (known since 1773 as the Racing Calendar) and has kept it ever since. Eight generations of Weatherbys served as secretary to the Jockey Club and Keeper of the Matchbook — the present incumbent, Christopher Foster, is its first non-Weatherby. The firm owns the Stud Book, in which all thoroughbreds must be entered if they are to race, and from its relatively new (1972) computerized headquarters at Wellingborough controls the immensely complicated day-to-day administration of racing. Its top officials work at the Jockey Club's London office, 42 Portman Square. Hardly any staff are directly employed by the club, so that, if the Jockey Club wished to look elsewhere for its administrators, it could do so in theory, but for practical purposes Weatherby's position is impregnable.

All this is a far cry from the old days. After the war much of the business could be done by the Senior Steward of the Jockey Club and a member of the Weatherby family over a drink at Newmarket on the morning of a race day, and even in 1960 Weatherby's telephone number was not to be found in the directory. The pre-war arrogance of social position and wealth lived on, though it took a knock when a new breed of racing journalists appeared just after the war.

"Suddenly," one veteran recalls, "the Press room was full of Old Etonians." They had been at the same school and officers in the same regiments as many members of the club, and it was difficult to bully them, though some members still did their best.

Many members saw racing as a marvellously enjoyable social club, and their unthinking arrogance often led to dreadful insults to distinguished "outsiders". Those days have gone. The larger-than-life characters, such as the Duke of Norfolk, the Earl of Rosebery and the Earl of Sefton, are dead. The social origins of Jockey Club members may not have changed much (though some "new blood" has been introduced) but publicly expressed attitudes certainly have. During the 1960s and '70s, the club subjected itself to a long self-scrutiny, from which it emerged a far more businesslike body, if not yet quite a meritocracy, with a committee system, a Senior Steward appointed for three years instead of one, an awareness of the need for public relations and, above all, an understanding that it was no longer the only power in the world which it had dominated without self-doubt for over two centuries. For years the piranha have been nibbling, but by having the wit to share its power, the club has, in fact, retained it.

The Jockey Club's new rival was the Horserace Betting Levy Board, founded in 1961 to collect and spend for the benefit of racing a levy on bookmakers' profits, and later on their turnover. The club has itself called up this body, but had not expected it to have a life of its own because the club had so long been accustomed to being monarch of all it surveyed.

In fact, however, the board has always been determined to spend its own money in its own way — co-operating with the Jockey Club but not kowtowing to it. As a statutory body, it has a responsibility to parliament, through the Home Secretary, and could hardly behave otherwise.

Field Marshal Lord Harding, the first chairman (assisted as secretary by Major-General Sir Rupert Brazier-Creagh, known affectionately as "Bunsen burner") broke the club in slowly. He was (and remains) a firm but amiable man, who had joined the army to ride horses, and understood that backwoodsmen could not be rushed. However, he thought the 71 racecourses should be reduced to 60 (the present figure, counting Newmarket as two). This led to a blood-red row with Lord Rosebery, who retreated shouting: "I can't go on with this. I haven't got a long enough spoon."

In 1967, Harding was succeeded by Lord Wigg, until then Harold Wilson's right hand man in the shadowy world of security, and there followed a period of convulsive upheaval in British racing.

Wigg had a great influence. For example, he acquired for the board United Racecourses, which owned Epsom and Sandown and later bought Kempton Park. This move caused heart-searchings at the Home Office, where officials wondered wondered whether parliament could have intended the board to own racecourses. Wigg maximised betting turnover, and hence the levy, by arranging for races to be held at different courses at quarter-hour intervals and so accelerated the trend to racing becoming as much an industry as a sport. But he was quintessentially unlike a member of the Jockey Club and much of his time was spent on rows with it. He was a politician to the finger-tips, devious, obsessive, often kindly but frequently abrasive, and above all a socialist (albeit of a mild variety) who could not abide those whom he thought had attained great positions merely by right of birth. The Jockey Club handled him in exactly the wrong way, by trying to order him about.

The story of his disastrous first official meeting with the Duke of Norfolk has passed into legend. When the Duke tried to tell Wigg how to spend the levy and added that he must never talk to the Press about racing without prior consultation with the Jockey Club, Wigg made a forceful reply ("expletive deleted", as they say) and swept out, vowing that he would never go to Portman Square again. If the Jockey Club wanted to see him, it would have to go to him. The result was that for five years much of his great energy was wasted on protecting the board's autonomy.

On another occasion, Norfolk attacked Wigg over the loudspeakers at a National Hunt meeting at Ascot just before Christmas 1969 for a reference he had made to the Jockey Club a few days earlier, comparing it with "a well-kept veteran motor car, interesting for use on the occasional drive if you have infinite time and patience and willingness to judge the article by its original quality and value". Wigg replied on the radio that the Duke was a product of the horse-and-buggy days. Nor were relations helped by the Jockey Club's quiet acquisition of a Royal Charter in 1968 (having first amalgamated with the National Hunt Committee) without informing Wigg until the last minute. Both he and the Jockey Club loved racing, but the clash of attitudes led to a struggle for power which in turn caused distrust, proliferation of administrative bodies, duplication of effort and general uncertainty about who was responsible for what. It took much effort by his immediate successors. Sir Stanley Raymond, whose post-war career had been on the railways, and Sir Desmond (now Lord) Plummer, until 1973 the leader of the Greater London Council. These efforts were shared by Viscount Leverhulme (the first Senior Steward to serve for three years) to restore normal relations between Levy Board and Jockey Club.

Raymond's appointment was surprising, and seems to have been inspired largely by Home Office officials, who had seen his successful handling of the Gaming Board and thought, erroneously, that the Levy Board was a similar body on which he could do a similar job. Some Jockey Club members disapproved of him because he went racing without a hat, but he did much to normalize relations, and brought off a coup in buying eight shares in Mill Reef for the National Stud (by now a subsidiary of the Levy Board) for a knock-down price.

Raymond had only been appointed in November 1972, and he resigned in November 1974 for personal reasons, though some accounts have it that he was very tired of Wigg's constant telephone calls in his new capacity as chairman of the Betting Office Licensees' Association. He was replaced by Plummer, who stayed in office until 1982.

From the Jockey Club's point of view, Plummer was a great improvement on Wigg, though he shared Wigg's determination to assert the Levy Board's importance and power, and his apparent belief that its status as a statutory body somehow put it above the battle sometimes made him unpopular. He took a great interest in the pay and conditions of stable staff and, after the stable lads' strike of 1975, when the 1000 Guineas was disrupted and the 2000 Guineas had to be started under police guard, he insisted on improved conditions as the price of increased Levy Board support.

He greatly increased prize-money, threw his weight behind the faction in racing which wished to emphasize quality, if necessary at the expense of smaller racecourses, and paved the way for greater consultation by organizing the first major conference of racing's many interests at Sandown Park in February 1975. Another great event of his reign was Lord Rothschild's Royal Commission on Gambling, which reported in 1978, and led to the setting up of the Horseracing Advisory Council. The chairman of this consultative body, at present Sir Neil Macready, occupies one of the Jockey Club's three seats on the Levy Board.

Sir Ian Trethowan, the present incumbent, came to the Levy Board from the BBC in 1982 and has finally healed the breach, while making it clear that he would be master in his own house. In December 1984 he was even invited to address the Gimcrack Dinner at York, when Lord Manton, the retiring senior steward, wittily said that at one time asking the chairman of the Levy Board to air his views on such an occasion would have been like inviting Count Dracula to manage a blood bank.

Trethowan's greatest achievement has been to negotiate a moratorium on increases in the rate of levy, so freeing racing's collective energy for the pressing challenges that lie ahead.

TOMORROW

How the sport is planning for the future and financing it

Christopher R. Hill is a writer on racing and senior lecturer in politics at York University. His latest book, *Horse Power — The Politics of the Turf*, is published on February 25 by Manchester University Press (£21.50).

HOCKEY

Slimmons to meet at Lord's

By Sydney Friskin

Guy and Richard Slimmon, who are brothers, will be in opposition in the University match, sponsored by C. E. Heath, at Lord's on February 23. Guy Slimmon, the Cambridge captain, said yesterday that his father, David, who captained Sidney Sussex and played for Cambridge Wanderers, will be at the match

Cambridge announced their side yesterday but Oxford preferred to declare a squad of 15. Although Rush is injured he is still expected to play.

Simon Mee, the Oxford captain, played for the England under-21 team who drew 3-2 with the British training squad at Cardiff on Sunday.

Ian Jennings, who has taken over the coaching of Oxford, will have a chance to assess Cambridge today at Fenner's where he will play for the Army against the University.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY (probable): G Cuffity (Western Australia University and Brasenose); G Peters (St George's, Weybridge, and Christchurch), J Casale (KCS Wimbledon and Brasenose), *N Webber (Wrekin School and Oriel), *J Ingham (King Edward VI, Birmingham, and Merton), R Slimmon (KCS Wimbledon and Oriel), *R Rush (Culford and Lincoln), *R Oldershaw (Uppingham and Trinity), A Ghaury (Kingston GS and Worcester), *S Mee (Merchant Taylors', Northwood, and Brasenose, captain), J Herbert (Bryanston and Brasenose). Reserves: J Burdett (Repton School and Brasenose), D Whitworth (Felsted and Trinity), N Doggett (Uppingham and Magdalen), D Seddon (High Storrs, Sheffield and Keble)

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: C Pearce (Dulwich College and St John's), *P Nienow (King Edward VI, Birmingham, and St John's), J Robinson (Bishop Vesey and Downing), *M Partington (Millfield and Emmanuel), *G Slimmon (KCS Wimbledon and Downing, captain), *J Stenner (The Perse and Magdalene), *E Cassenskiold (Bedford and Magdalene), M Brayshaw (Regis Comprehensive and Girton), G Higgin (Royal Belfast Academical Institution and Clare), *C Bell (Bedford and Magdalene), S McNally (St George's, Weybridge, and Sidney Sussex). Reserves: S McKee (Bangor and Robinson), *A Shafiq (Caterham and Downing), A Hattrick (Marlborough and Pembroke), C Sellars (Haberdashers' Aske's, Elstree, and Downing)

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BOWLS

Bryant keeps rolling along

From David Rhys Jones, Auckland

David Bryant is the world champion yet again, 22 years after his first victory. Bryant's win in the Bank of New Zealand world championship here on Sunday clearly gave him as much pleasure as his previous wins in 1966 and 1980. The pipe-smoking, trout-fishing, rose-growing, bowler from Clevedon, aged 56, appeared as hungry for success as ever in a career spanning more than 40 years.

In 1948, aged 16, Bryant won his first club title: the singles handicap. In 1956, he won his first national title: the England fours. In 1966, his first world title: the singles at Sydney.

Since then, the game has become more dynamic as a breed of younger, highly competitive players has emerged. The sport shed amateur laws in 1980, and with sponsors showing a keener interest, a more professional attitude developed among top players.

Bryant, sympathizers said, was unfortunate to have done so much to popularize the game, only to see others reap the benefit. He must be past his best, the arguments raged: too old to complete with his sharp young rivals. Time and time again, Bryant has proved that argument wrong by continuing to win major events.

While Bryant provides continuity, other aspects change. Last week, five countries were admitted to membership of the International Bowling Board (IBB), Thailand, Singapore, India, Norfolk Island and the Cook Islands swelling the number of affiliates to 30.

Kerry Clark, the incoming IBB president, of New Zealand, is set on developing the progressive image of the game. Aged 38, he is the youngest man to hold the office and his legal training and engaging manner make him, potentially, a powerful ambassador for the game.

VOLLEYBALL

Livingston face cup expulsion

By Roddy Mackenzie

MIM Livingston, the Royal Bank Scottish men's cup holders, face the prospect of expulsion from this season's competition after their quarter-final tie with **Kinleith Plant** was abandoned on Sunday.

With the scores level at 2-2 on sets, the hall-let ran out and the referee called a halt. The Scottish Volleyball Association (SVA) will now meet to decide whether the tie should be replayed or awarded to Kinleith.

The start was delayed for over 30 minutes and Kinleith claim it was due to MIM not having six players available. Kenny Barton, the MIM captain, suffered an ankle injury during the 3-1 league win at **Dundee Kirkton** and could not play and Neil Stewart filled in.

A representative of the SVA said yesterday: "We will meet soon to look at the situation." Rule 7.9 of the SVA handbook states: "Where a team is not ready to start play without good reason 15 minutes after the agreed start of play, the match shall be played. In the event of the hall booking expiring without the game being completed, the match shall be awarded to the team which was ready to start play at the agreed time."

The SVA will also have to make a ruling on the women's cup quarter-final match between **Scottish Farm** and **Inverclyde** — the Airdrie venue being below scratch. **Krystal Klear, East Kilbride** and **Scottish Farm** did reach the semi-finals of the men's competition without mishap and **Provincial Insurance** and Kyle among the women.

Rob Wiggett, the coach to **Time Out Spark**, has conceded that Malory are almost certain to win the men's first division title in the English league. "I've resigned myself," Wiggett said after Malory strengthened their grip with a 3-1 win over **Liverpool City**.

GOLF

Davies faces harsh realities of US

By Patricia Davies

Nancy Lopez and Patty Sheehan won the first two tournaments of the season on the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour, and that gives an indication of the task facing rookies such as Laura Davies, Trish Johnson and Liselotte Neumann. The Mazda Classic was Lopez's 37th victory and the Sarasota Classic was Sheehan's seventeenth. Names and records like that do not crop up in Europe every week — they do in America.

Davies, by virtue of her US Women's Open title, has proved she can beat the best, but despite that she failed to make the cut in her first two events as an LPTA member. She has recognized, however that to do well she must be more consistent, especially on the first two days of the tournament when lapses of concentration can mean a player spending the weekend on the practice ground. It is a fate that no one escapes — Pat Bradley, Player of the Year in 1986, is another who has yet to make a cut this season.

Johnson and Neumann, both new to the Americans, have already been in the limelight, and though they faded, people now know who they are and are generous with their praise and encouragement. "The girls have been very friendly and genuinely seem to want us to do well," Johnson said.

Her mother's rather taut response to that was: "Pity you can't oblige" — hardly the sympathetic reaction a person who has missed the cut is ringing home to here.

Neumann has made money in both tournaments so far, and was tied for eleventh at Sarasota after a fine first round of 64, eight under par. She failed to match or beat par in the remaining three rounds, but like the other Europeans she knows she can compete in the highest company for a round or two at least. Sooner or later they will be lasting the whole course.

● Richard George, chairman of Weetabix, the sponsor of the British Ladies Open championship, put in an appearance at the Sarasota Classic. He dined with Laura Davies, who was sporting a Weetabix logo on her golf bag, and also rounded up four Americans to compete in this year's Open at Lindrick.

The four who should be appearing are Muffin Spencer-Devlin, Donna Caponi, Sandra Palmer and Sally Little.

RESULTS: (US unless stated): 282: P Sheehan, 71, 72, 72, 67. 285: J Carner, 70, 74, 73, 68; J Rosenthal, 71, 70, 74, 70. 286: B Daniel, 68, 73, 72, 73; S Turner, 69, 74, 73, 70. 287: C Morse, 73, 74, 72, 68.

Late-surge victory for Wadkins

Honolulu (AFP) — A final round 66, six strokes under par, enabled Lanny Wadkins to overtake Richard Zokol, of Canada, the overnight leader, and secure an exciting single-stroke victory in the Hawaiian Open here.

The Virginian, aged 38, who started the day three strokes behind Zokol, finished 17 under par on 271 to collect the $108,000 (about £60,000) first prize and the seventeenth title of his 18 years on the PGA circuit.

Wadkins had taken the lead by the time he and Watson made the turn in a heavy shower. Watson, British Open champion five times, who climaxed a career comeback late last season, was one stroke off the pace when he went to the tenth tee.

However, Watson got tangled up in the palm trees and took three to reach the green. The man known in his heyday as the deadliest putter in golf, then took four putts from 30-35 feet for a three over par that put him out of the running. He finished at 277.

Zokol, playing one group behind Wadkins, scrambled in with a 70 to finish in second place — a career best performance. The Canadian, who took pars with one putt at each of the 15th, 16th and 17th holes and who was one under par at the 18th with a putt from about a foot, collected $64,000 dollars (£35,500). John Huston came in third on 274, followed by his fellow-American, Gene Sauers, on 275.

RESULTS: Leading scores: (US unless stated): 271: L Wadkins, 68,71,66,66. 272: R Zokol (Can), 65, 71, 65, 70. 274: J Huston, 72, 67, 69, 66. 275: G Sauers, 71, 68, 67, 69. 276: F Allem (SA), 69, 69, 68, 70. 277: R Eastwood, 69, 69, 73, 66; T Watson, 69, 70, 66, 72; J Carter, 69, 68, 71, 69; L Roberts, 68, 66, 70, 73. 278: D Eichelberger, 75, 66, 69, 68; D Ishii, 70, 68, 69, 71; J C Snead, 70, 67, 73, 68.

Norman fights to play

Melbourne (Reuter) — The organizers of the Australian Masters, starting here on Thursday, are optimistic that Greg Norman will be able to defend his title, even though the player is suffering from a virus.

Norman, the world No. 1, who arrived here on Monday, is believed to have caught the virus from his children and began to feel the ill effects as he flew to Australia by private jet from Los Angeles on Sunday.

Frank Williams, the Masters tournament director, said Norman had a temperature of 103° and a sore throat, but he was "80 per cent certain" that the Australian would compete.

"He would have to be really sick not to play, he's just that type of person," Williams said. "He has never ever let us down before," he added.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

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European Under-21 Championship
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Second division
Brechin v Arbroath .....
Queen's Park v Stranraer .....

UNDER-17 YOUTH INTERNATIONAL: England v Republic of Ireland (at Stoke, 7.0).

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Bradford v Manchester United (7.30); Coventry v Sunderland; Manchester City v Liverpool (6.45). **Second division:** Middlesbrough v Stoke, Notts County v Blackburn. **Postponed:** Preston v York.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Arsenal v Bristol Rovers (2.0); Chelsea v Luton (2.15); Fulham v Reading (2.0); Portsmouth v Southampton (7.0); West Ham v Tottenham (2.30). **Postponed:** Queen's Park Rangers v Brighton

MACBAR SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Exeter v Cardiff; Newport v Torquay; Plymouth v Swansea.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Farnborough v Bishop's Stortford; St Albans v Wokingham. **First division:** Bracknell v Staines; Marlow v Hampton; Uxbridge v Southwick (7.45). **Second division north:** Aveley v Hornchurch; Clapton v Hanwgey Borough; Hemel Hempstead v Letchworth GC; Hertford Town v Ware. Saffron Walden v Berkhamstead (7.45); Tring v Vauxhall Motors. **Second division south:** Chertsey v Hungerford, Flackwell Heath v Banstead; Newbury v Dorking, Southall v Egham; Whyteleafe v Harefield.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: League Cup: First round, second leg: Harrogate v Droylsden. **Second round:** Barrow v Fleetwood, Chorley v Goole; Morecambe v Frickley. **Second round replay:** Witton v Rhyl. **Premier division:** Gainsborough v Mossley; Matlock v Southport.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Westgate Insurance Cup: Third round: Ashford v Dorchester, Atherstone v VS Rugby; Waterlooville v Buckingham. **Premier division:** Aylesbury v Nuneaton; Witney v Bromsgrove. **Southern division:** Corinthian v Ruislip, Erith and Belvedere v Hounslow. **Midland division:** Bridgnorth v Banbury; Forest Green v Halesowen; Rushden v Moor Green.

CHESHIRE SENIOR CUP: Fourth round: Altrincham v Warrington.

ESSEX SENIOR CUP: Semi-final: Walthamstow Avenue v Grays.

LONDON SENIOR CUP: First round: Beckenham v Epsom and Ewell (at Epsom and Ewell FC); Dulwich Hamlet v Wandsworth and Norwood; Hendon v Sramsdown. **First round replay:** Leyton-Wingate v Edgware.

ANETAPRINT MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP: Second round: Finchley v Wembley.

SUSSEX SENIOR CUP: Fourth round: Lewes v Worthing; Shoreham v Horsham; Three Bridges v Eastbourne United.

KNIGHT FLOODLIT LEAGUE: Barking v Rainham; Dover v Crawley.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Neath v South Wales Police (7.0)

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Manchester United v Livingston (8.0). **League Cup:** Calderdale v Oldham (8.0)

HOCKEY

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Cambridge University v Army (at Fenner's, 2.30).

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Rakcard challenge (at Gateshead).
BILLIARDS: Professional tournament (at Leeds)
TENNIS: LTA Men's satellite tournament (at Telford).

SPORT ON TV

CRICKET: ITV 12.35 a.m. (tomorrow): **New Zealand v England:** Highlights from Christchurch.
SNOOKER: ITV 11.35 p.m.: **Cockney classic.**
SUMO WRESTLING: C4 11.35 p.m **Autumn tournament.**
WINTER OLYMPICS: BBC1 12.1 p.m.: Report (ice hockey, skiing). **BBC2** 3-3.50 p.m., Match of the Day (ice hockey); **BBC2** 5.30-7.30 p.m.: Grandstand (ice hockey, women's luge, skiing). **BBC2** 11.35 p.m.-12.10 a.m.: Report (today's highlights).

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RACING

Talented Proud Pilgrim ready to atone for series of costly errors

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Jimmy Fitzgerald and Mark Dwyer, the Malton-based team responsible for a double at Huntingdon last Thursday and successful yesterday with Comeragh King, can hit the target again at Towcester today by winning the Louise Stockdale Challenge Cup for their owner Lady Blacker with Proud Pilgrim.

While conceding that I may have deemed myself certifiable in the eyes of some by going nap on a horse who has fallen in both his races this season, I maintain that the risk is well worth taking.

It is my unshakeable belief that Proud Pilgrim has only to put in a clear round this afternoon to win.

Over this course four days before Christmas, Proud Pilgrim's name went straight into my note book as one to follow. On that occasion he had a similar race in his pocket when he fell at the penultimate fence.

That left the prize at the mercy of Mithras, who proceeded to beat Harvest Fortune and Glenside Jerry comfortably. Mithras has since won again at Worcester where he accounted for Aquilifer, who has won twice in the meantime, so the form has a very solid look about it.

As for Glenside Jerry, he was so far behind Proud Pilgrim when the latter fell that I cannot fancy him now under top weight because they meet on the same terms.

A far greater danger is surely Team Challenge, even though he got no further than the third fence at Doncaster last time out. Before that he had been successful at Plumpton and Stratford.

However, what I find significant is that Team Challenge was beaten 10 lengths by Aquilifer over today's course and distance in November.

In preferring Proud Pilgrim now I am relying upon that Mithras-Aquilifer form link coming good and giving my nap the edge at a difference of 9lb.

Royal Gambit, Josh Gifford's runner, was not well placed or even going well when he fell at Wincanton last month, and in my opinion the man who has trained more winners than anyone else in the past four weeks has a far better chance of winning the Hoechst Panacur EBF Mares Only Novices' Hurdle with Tarahumara, who has already won a similar qualifier at Fontwell in good style.

Gifford is also asking last year's Grand National fifth You're Welcome to make a speedy return to profitable duty in the Manning Hunters' Challenge Cup after failing to get further than the third fence in a similar race at Newbury only last Friday.

However, in this instance I prefer Eliogarty, who can proudly boast winning the Foxhunters' Chase at both Cheltenham and Liverpool.

Last season Caroline Beasley's veteran campaigner proved that he can still come to hand early by winning his first two races of the season at Plumton and Kempton.

Over The Road, who is trained locally by Terry Casey and is already a winner on the course this season, looks good enough to capture the Bet With The Tote Novices' Chase Qualifier having run that talented stayer Motivator to a neck at Leicester on New Year's Day when he was attempting to give him 9lb. That was probably asking a lot of him and this, on paper at least, looks a better opportunity.

Worcester hopeful

Prospects for the meeting at Worcester tomorrow have improved considerably. The course was waterlogged on Sunday but after a noon inspection yesterday clerk of the course Hugo Bevan said: "We are more hopeful that racing can take place provided there is no more rain." A further inspection will be held at 3pm today.

Eliogarty has clear chance

Eliogarty looks to have a straightforward task in the Manning Hunters' Challenge Cup at Towcester today.(Brian Beel writes). He keeps his form well and heavy going will be in his favour.

Daltmore, three years his junior, could be the one for the forecast as Alexandria Embiricos will not be over-confident on You're Welcome having fallen on him at her first attempt over the stiffer jumps at Newbury last Friday.



Eliogarty and Caroline Beasley, who have enjoyed some historic moments at Cheltenham and Liverpool, appear in the Manning Hunters' Challenge Cup Chase at Towcester today

El Rey heads British challengers

El Rey (Paul Cook) leads a strong British challenge for the Prix de Briancon (1m) at Cagnes-sur-Mer today (Our French Racing Correspondent writes). The William Hastings-Bass-trained four-year-old has sound claims on his good second in the Prix de Juan-les-Pins a fortnight ago, but he must overcome an unfavourable draw if he is to secure the £5,500 prize.

Also in the 20-runner line-up are Steve Norton's Chimes Of The Dawn (John Reid), John Wilson's Malipiero (Tim Sprake), Richard Hannon's Gurteen Boy (Tony McGlone) and the David Hanley-trained Full Hearted (John Matthias), a disappointment a week ago when last of 11 in the Prix Maurice Edouard Delanglade.

Earlier, Matthias teams up with Norton's Forbes Spirit in the Prix de Barreme (1m) for three year-old fillies. Patrick Biancone's Bleak Lady (Bruno Marchand) looks the pick of her 18 opponents.

● Following encouraging reports of his first school over British-style obstacles on Saturday, the French-trained Marly River was heavily backed with Mecca yesterday for the Champion Hurdle and is now 10-1 (from 12-1) after being laid to lose £46,000, including a single bet of £36,000-£3,000.

Scudamore date not yet fixed

The Jockey Club has still to fix a date for the inquiry into an incident between Peter Scudamore and Bruce Dowling at Newbury last Friday (George Rae writes).

"It is a matter of finding a date which is convenient for both jockeys, and the consideration of whether they wish to be legally represented," David Pipe, the Jockey Club spokesman, said yesterday.

"The inquiry will certainly be in the near future but I would be most surprised if it could be arranged for as early as this week," he added.

Scudamore and Dowling were referred to Portman Square by the local stewards after an astonishing barging match between the two riders in the 27-runner February Novices' Hurdle.

Scudamore, on Ghillie Hills, and Dowling, on King Of The Lot, were battling for position on the inside approaching the cross hurdle — where there is no running rail — and could be seen on the video patrol pulling and tugging at each other. King Of The Lot then fell at that flight.

Weaver registers first training win

Former jockey Red Weaver recorded his first winner as a trainer when Neltama — a half-brother to the 1982 Grand National winner Grittar — sprang a 50-1 surprise in division one of the Charnwood Novices' Hurdle at Nottingham yesterday.

Weaver, based at Markfield, Leicestershire, rode some 200 winners but hung up his boots after a bad fall at Uttoxeter. He has had a trainer's licence for four months.

"I did not get off to the best of starts because Coke's Nephew, my first runner, broke a leg at Worcester," he said. "Neltama was my fourth runner and will improve on that showing."

Neltama, ridden by Jamie Burton, aged 19, who was also gaining his first success, held off the favourite, Invasion, over the last three flights to win by a length.

Acarine easily won the Dingley Dell Hunters' Chase but Peter Harris will probably take the 12-year-old out of the Seagram Grand National. "He has too much weight at Liverpool," Harris said.

Harris is embarking on a swift programme to get Acarine qualified for the Foxhunters' Chase at the Cheltenham Festival. "He has to be first or second at Fakenham on Friday to be able to go to Cheltenham, but he is definitely qualified for the Liverpool Foxhunters," he added.

Acarine lost his main opponent when Border Burg was withdrawn because there was no-one with written authority to declare James Delahooke's prolific winner. Owners running horses in hunter chases must remember this, pointed out the stewards.

There was a sad postcript to the Kingston Novices' Chase when the 16-1 winner Aldo King broke down so badly a few yards past the post that he had to be destroyed.

"After passing the post Aldo King appeared to put his foot into a soft patch of ground and his leg went," his claiming rider, Ian Lawrence, said.

● Clerk of the course David Henson is determined to provide the best ground possible for Nottingham's richest-ever programme on Saturday. "By moving the rails we shall ensure fresh ground on all the bends, and as many flights as possible will be moved," he said.

ATHLETICS

Bile gives Elliott a taste of his finishing speed

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Fairfax

Abdi Bile's winning time of 3min 59.14sec for the mile in the latest Mobil United States Indoor Grand Prix meeting, here in Virginia late on Sunday night, afforded a glimpse of the finishing speed which won him the world championship 1,500 metres last summer. Bile delighted the crowd in his adoptive American home and enjoyed a better introduction to Olympic year than Sebastian Coe, the 1,500 metres title holder, had the night before.

After the onset of a cold and the killing pace of Brian Abshire's American 3,000 metres record had forced Coe to drop out of his first race for nine months, he is still deciding whether to race in Los Angeles this weekend. But Bile leaves for the West Coast, and an interesting clash against Marcus O'Sullivan, of Ireland, with the memory of a clamorous reception from the crowd, who were virtually climbing up the walls of the Fieldhouse at George Mason University, his *Alma Mater* in Fairfax.

Bile's victory probably had much to do with home track advantage and the fact that Peter Elliott, the Rotherham athlete who was second in 4min 00.09sec, had to deal with two races in two nights. For the Somalian had fared only slightly better than Coe when he had run in the Millrose Games two weeks before. At Madison Square Garden, Bile was comprehensively beaten by O'Sullivan and Elliott, both of whom he faces again in the Los Angeles mile next Friday evening.

Bile's reasonable excuse for his Millrose performance, notwithstanding bends too tight for his long legs, was 25 days around Christmas spent carousing and celebrating his first trip back to Somalia since winning the world title. "After Rome, I had to come straight back to George Mason, I'd missed three weeks' classes (in marketing). Back at home, with all the receptions, I must have averaged two hours sleep a night."

Like many, he claims that indoor racing is only a distraction from training, but he was somewhat better prepared for Sunday night's race. He tucked in on the kerb and, one by one, picked off the half dozen runners in front during just over "even pace" quarter miles until he pulled back Elliott's own burst for glory and shot away from the Briton looking faster than the 27.2sec last 200 metres with which he was credited.

Talking the previous evening about the several rivals for his Olympic title, Coe had said ominously: "The one thing you can say about Abdi Bile is that, at 23 years old, providing he stays healthy, he's only going to get fitter, stronger and faster." But Friday will be a better measure. For O'Sullivan is proving that recurring sciatica is no bar to brilliant performances. He had shocked even himself ("I thought it was about 3min 53sec") the night before at Meadowlands when he ran the second fastest indoor mile, in 3min 50.94sec. In Fairfax, he wisely dropped down to 800 metres and looked capable of winning until he was blocked in the finishing straight and finished fourth.

Elliott was 0.10sec from two sub four-minute minute miles in successive nights.

RESULTS (winners, US unless stated): Men: 60m: E King, 6.55sec. 400m: A McKay, 46.36. 800m: W Wuyke (Ken), 1min 50.2sec. mile: A Bile (Som), 3:59.14; British placing: 2, P Elliott, 4:00.09; 3,000m: G O'Reilly (Ire), 7:59.23; 60m hurdles: G Foster, 7.48; high jump: J Howard, 2.28m; pole vault: R Gataulin (USSR), 5.80m. Women: 60m: G Torrance, 7.18sec; 400m: D Dixon, 52.30; 800m: M Jungnelu (Rom), 2min 4.91sec; mile: D Melime (Rom), 4:39.49. 60m hurdles: J Joyner-Kersee, 7.88 (world record); one mile walk: M-A Torrellas, 6.37.06; high jump: L Pittar, 1.96.

SQUASH RACKETS

Devoy and Irving in fine form

By Colin McQuillan

The elevation of this year's Bovis Homes International from satellite tournament to C-graded event on the women's international circuit was amply justified by two fighting semi-finals between four of the world's top five women players, at Herts County Club, Welwyn Garden City, over the weekend.

Susan Devoy, the world champion, from New Zealand, resisted by 5-9, 9-6, 9-7, 9-4 the 62-minute challenge of Lucy Soutter, England's under-23 Open champion. Liz Irving, the leading Australian of the moment, overcame Lisa Opie, the British champion, 9-7, 8-10, 7-9, 9-3, 9-7 in 66 minutes.

The men's competition is less weighty. Bryan Beeson, of Northumbria, defeated Hiddy Jahan, of Surrey, 9-0, 9-6, 3-9, 9-5 in a 36-minute semi-final, and Zarak Jahan, Hiddy's younger brother, defeated John Ransome, of Essex, 10-9, 9-5, 9-4, in 52 minutes.

Ransome's earlier comprehensive dismissal of Adam Schreiber, of Australia, was an indication of a plain man's effectiveness. Schreiber, a new recruit to the world circuit from the Australian Institute of Squash, had put out the third-seed Brett Martin with marvellous technique and athleticism.

Damian Walkerwas strong and mature against Mark Robberds, of Australia, and then detained Hiddy Jahan to the end of a hard fifth game in the quarter-finals. Gehan Fernando, the Dunlop Champion of Champions among club players, defeated Jonathan Foster, of Middlesex, before making the same elder Jahan work seriously for his quarter-final place.

Miss Irving's fine win over Opie was the entertainment peak of pre-final play.

SUNDAY'S LATE RESULTS: Men: Semi-finals: B Beeson bt H Jahan, 9-0, 9-6, 3-9, 9-5; Z Jahan bt J Ransome, 10-9, 9-5, 9-4. Women: Semi-finals: S Devoy (NZ) bt L Soutter, 5-9, 9-6, 9-7, 9-4; E Irving (Aus) bt L Opie, 9-7, 8-10, 7-9, 9-3, 9-7.

SWIMMING

Chance of top meet for Palace

By Roy Moor

The European Swimming Federation (LEN) decided in Bonn at the weekend to seek approval for a European Open Cup tournament to be introduced to the international programme.

It would differ from the European Cup by being open to the world. The United States, Canada and Australia have already expressed interest in supporting a fixture which would include all world championship events and probably be spread over four days.

LEN is interested in receiving applications to stage the European Open. With the backing of the Trustees Savings Bank £1.5-million sponsorship announced last week, the opportunity is provided for the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) to waste no time in applying to stage the fixture at Crystal Palace. The event would capture considerable television interest.

The capture of so many British short-course records during the world-class Arena meet in Bonn at the weekend, gave Paul Hickson, Britain's chief Olympic coach, much encouragement that his team for Seoul is developing well.

Particularly heartening for Hickson was seeing Adrian Moorhouse shrug off his troublesome illness and Mark Foster excel with national records for 50 metre freestyle and butterfly. Foster finished fourth in freestyle and won the bronze medal at butterfly.

Hickson also praised Margaret Hohman's (Kelly) impressive record-breaking international comeback after an absence of seven years. With June Croft also outstanding after two years racing absence, it will be an achievement if both win Olympic selection and again help form the medley relay — a team they led to silver medals in Moscow in 1980.

However, a glut of world best times in Bonn gave British coaspetitors plenty of incentives for their Olympic preparation.

STUDENT SPORT

No surprises as Hearst and Sendall triumph

By Yuri Matischen

Jeff Hearst, the Irish international presently studying at Cambridge University, took the men's individual title at the British Universities squash championship staged at the University College, Cardiff, at the weekend. The tournament, held by invitation, was keenly contested but saw no real upsets, with the No. 1 seeds in both the men's and women's competitions taking gold.

Hearst dispatched his opponents with relative ease until the semi-finals, in which he met Karl Whittaker, from Birmingham University, who battled gamely but went down 9-1, 9-4, 9-2. On the other side of the draw Steve Mulligan, of Newcastle University, beat the No. 2 seed, Kevin Teale, in the quarter-finals and Robin Jones, a local player, to earn a place in the final. However Mulligan, try as he might, was unable to contain the outstanding Hearst, whose boasts were a delight, and went down 9-1, 9-1, 9-1.

The women's championship was dominated by Loughborough University, with Anna Sendall, the No. 1 seed, and Jackie Nicholls, who defeated the No. 2 seed, Gill Munrow, in the quarter-finals, playing each other in the final. The teammates, playing one and two for Loughborough, spent only minutes on court with the strength and experience of Sendall proving just too much for Nicholls who went down 9-3, 9-1, 9-1.

RESULTS: Men: Semi-finals: J Hearst (Cambridge) bt K Whittaker (Birmingham) 10-8, 9-0, 9-1; S Mulligan (Newcastle) bt R Cusack (Loughborough) 9-5, 9-5, 9-3. Final: J Hearst bt S Mulligan 9-1, 9-1, 9-1. Women: Semi-finals: A Sendall (Loughborough) bt A Galloway (Cambridge) 9-4, 9-4, 9-4; J Nicholls (Loughborough) bt D Cruickshank (Heriot-Watt) 10-8, 9-4, 10-8. Final: A Sendall bt J Nicholls 9-3, 9-1, 9-1.

● This coming weekend, Birmingham University will host the British Universities men's basketball tournament. Last year's winners, and this year's favourites, are the English Universities, who face difficult pool matches but the skills of national league players like Andrew Lang (Manchester United) and Steven Panovka (Oldham) are expected to help them qualify.

Anthony Lemons, Fellow of Hughes Hall, Cambridge University, and director of physical education at Cambridge, has been appointed as chef de mission of the British student team for the 1989 Universiade (World Student Games) to be staged in Sao Paulo in August 1989.

TOWCESTER

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Borreto.
2.30 PROUD PILGRIM (nap).
3.00 Tarahumara.
3.30 Over The Road.
4.00 Eliogarty.
4.30 Blackwell Boy.

By Michael Seely

2.30 Insure. 3.30 CONJUGATE (nap). 4.00 Eliogarty.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.30 BLACKWELL BOY.

Going: heavy

2.0 SILVERSTONE SELLING HURDLE (£1,105: 2m) (15 runners)

1	41P00-	LABRAG 308 (G) (B Scully) J D Davies 5-12-3	M Brown (7)	92	
2	414004	SONNY HILL LAD 46 (D,S) (Miss W Leighton) R Holder 5-12-3	C Llewellyn (4)	● 99	
4		LAKISTE (L Wells) J D Davies 5-11-10	A Jones	—	
5		FANDANGO PRINCESS (Mrs K Dearman) G Price 5-11-5	M Price (7)	—	
7		SOLENT MISSILE (D Pearson) B Stevens 5-11-5	M Stevens (7)	—	
8	FP0P-P0	THE TULSA QUEEN 116 (D Bell) D J Bell 5-11-5	Lorna Vincent	—	
9	02031	NUNS ROYAL 19 (S) (M Kavanagh) R Dickin 4-11-2	M Jones (7)	93	
10		ALDINGTON CHAP (C Wheatley) C Tristine 4-11-0	W Humphreys (4)	—	
11	P0	BALLY FRENCHMAN 111 (S) (Mrs C Fortescue) A Davison 4-11-0	M Perrett	—	
12	003	BORRETO 47 (A Shaw) C James 4-11-0	D Browne	96	
14	P0PP	LAURAS FANDANGO 27 (S Cross) J Bulcovels 4-11-0	S Cusack (7)	—	
15	PP	MYLIEGE 26 (B) (C Ham) G Ham 4-11-0	S Mackey (7)	—	
17	U	CARSE KELLY 33 (K McCarthy) J D Davies 4-10-9	M Furlong	—	
18	0	COLDWATER CANYON 33 (V) (H Simmons) C Holmes 4-10-9	C Maas	—	
20	00PP	WAR CHILD 29 (J Bird) A Moore 4-10-9	G Moore	92	

BETTING: 5-4 Borreto, 7-2 Nuns Royal, 4-1 Sonny Hill Lad, 7-1 Labrag, 8-1 War Child, 10-1 Lakiste, 12-1 Bally Frenchman, 14-1 Carse Kelly, Aldington Chap, 16-1 others.

1987: RHODE ISLAND RED 4-11-0 G Moore (9-1) A Moore 10 ran

FORM LABRAG (10-7) beat Buckhorn Weston (11-7) 2l at Devon last season (2m 1f, £483, good, Oct 31, 11 ran).

SONNY HILL LAD (10-7) was 11l 4th to Pitlochry (10-3) in Windsor conditional jockeys handicap (2m 30yd, £1892, good to soft, Nov 14, 16 ran), but been below form over longer distances since.

NUNS ROYAL (10-2) beat Gold 'n Soft (10-2) 2l in poor Taunton seller (2m 1f, £781, heavy, Jan 28, 11 ran).

BORRETO, dropped into selling company last time at Leicester (2m, £1100, heavy, Dec 31, 14 ran), showed first form with a (10-7) 7½l 3rd to Falling Shadow (10-2).

COLDWATER CANYON (10-2) was 41l 5th, promoted to 5th, behind disqualified Royal Special (10-2) at Southwell (2m, £588, good, Jan 14, 20 ran), with LAURAS FANDANGO (10-8) pulled up before 2nd and CARSE KELLY (10-2) unseated rider 1st.

Selection: SONNY HILL LAD

2.30 LOUISE STOCKDALE CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap chase: £2,821: 3m 190yd) (11 runners)

5	FF1230	GLENSIDE JERRY 17 (CD,G,S) (M Jackson) G Balding 8-11-10	R Guest	90	
7	F-P0030	PREMIER CHARLIE 26 (F,G,S) (F Lipscomb) W G M Turner 10-11-7	K Treyter (7)	82	
8	300-6F0	INSURE 46 (B) (Mrs E Turner) F Winter 10-11-7	P Scudamore	90	
9	112-00F	ROYAL GAMBIT 33 (G,S) (S Embiricos) J Gifford 8-11-4	E Murphy	82	
10	02211F	TEAM CHALLENGE 17 (BF,G,S) (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-3	M Pitman	95	
11	F21-P0F	BORDER LAD 5 (S) (R Faiers) M Oliver 7-11-2	Peter Hobbs	80	
15	3310-10	THATS FOR SURE 3 (S) (Brig C Harvey) D Nicholson 7-10-10	R Dunwoody	82	
16	02FF14/	COLUMBUS 634 (S) (R Shaw) F Welwyn 11-10-8	Capt C Lane (7)	—	
17	23D0-FF	PROUD PILGRIM 57 (Lady Blacker) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-10-8	M Dwyer	● 99	
24	01036-4	BOREEN KING 81 (BF,S) (P Winkworth) S Mellor 7-10-0	G Landau	98	
25	P1P-P0U	WOODLANDS LAD 48 (CD,S) (P Pritchard) P Pritchard 13-10-0	R Strange	—	

BETTING: 5-2 Proud Pilgrim, 7-2 Team Challenge, 5-1 Thats For Sure, 6-1 Insure, 7-1 Glenside Jerry, 8-1 Royal Gambit, 10-1 Boreen King, 14-1 Border Lad, 16-1 others.

1987: BACKSTREET GUY 8-10-11 J White (5-1) N Henderson 10 ran

FORM GLENSIDE JERRY (11-4) was 17l 3rd to Mithras (10-5) over course and distance on penultimate start (2236, soft, Dec 21, 12 ran), with WOODLANDS LAD (10-0) 8th and PROUD PILGRIM (10-2) leading when falling two out.

TEAM CHALLENGE (11-3) beat Dr Pepper (10-0) 3l, on penultimate start at Stratford (3m 2f, £3491, good to soft, Jan 30, 7 ran), with WOODLANDS LAD (10-5) in retreat when falling three out.

THATS FOR SURE (10-10) beat Tabooma (10-10) ¾l on penultimate start at Hereford (3m 1f, £1919, heavy, Nov 10, 5 ran).

PROUD PILGRIM (11-0) stayed on strongly when beating Wicked Uncle (11-0) 4l at Leicester (2m 4f, £1327, soft, Dec 15, 13 ran), but was subsequently disqualified for prohibited substance in urine.

BOREEN KING (10-9) was 13½l 4th to Ivor Anthony (11-5) at Leicester (3m, £1955, soft, Nov 27, 6 ran).

Selection: PROUD PILGRIM

3.0 HOECHST PANACUR EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: mares: £1,642: 2m) (18 runners)

2	000314	FISHING SMACK 73 (D,S) (B Syford) S Byford 5-11-0	T Woolley (7)	68	
3	340020	HOPE COVE 48 (F,S) (Southern Racing Ltd) D Barons 5-11-0	P Nicholls	96	
4	0-00140	ROSIE CONE 31 (B,S) (M Smith) Mrs P Sly 5-11-0	E Murphy	● 99	
5	00-301	TARAHUMARA 29 (S) (Southern Caravan Group) J Gifford 5-11-0	E Murphy	92	
7	0	ASTRAPEN 78 (P Davenport) Mrs M Rimell 5-10-7	A Sharpe	—	
14	0	GWENNAP 19 (Mrs D Hamdell-Waldron) N Henderson 5-10-7	J Osborne (4)	—	
20	F0	JOHANNA KEYS 11 (G Pickering) Mrs G Reveley 7-10-7	P Niven	71	
22	P	LADY PRY 27 (P Morris) M Oliver 5-10-7	E Buckley	—	
24		LUCEVA (Affordshire Ltd) Mrs J McKie 5-10-7	A Webb	—	
26		NARROW MARGIN (C Nash) C Nash 5-10-7	M Bosley	—	
28		RAVING AB (T Casey) T Casey 5-10-7	G Charles Jones	—	
29		ROMAN CHARIOT (Miss K Holmes) Mrs I McKie 5-10-7	L Harvey	—	
31	0	ROSIE MARCHIONESS 75 (V Barclay) F Welwyn 5-10-7	S Shilston	95	
38		SHERE FANTASY (Miss D Baker) Miss D Baker 7-10-7	T Wall	—	
41	P	SUTTON LASS 27 (H Harper) H Harper 5-10-7	B Powell	—	
43		THE QUEENS BANNER (D Benner) J Bulcovels 5-10-7	S Cusack (7)	—	
44		TRUE BREW (M Buckley) N Henderson 5-10-7	M Bowlby	—	
45	0	WUGBY 57 (G Burton) T Casey 5-10-7	R Dunwoody	97	

BETTING: 5-2 Rosie Marchioness, 3-1 Tarahumara, 4-1 True Brew, 6-1 Rosie Cone, 7-1 Wugby, 10-1 Hope Cove, 12-1 Fishing Smack, 14-1 Johanna Keys, The Queens Banner, 16-1 Gwennap, 20-1 others.

1987: FREE TRAVEL 5-10-3 L Harvey (16-1) T Forster 16 ran

FORM HOPE COVE (11-5) was 10l 2nd to Sheer Nectar (11-0) at Wincanton on penultimate start (2m, £606, good to soft, Dec 26, 15 ran), with TARAHUMARA (11-0) 9th.

ROSIE CONE is best judged on a (10-12) 21½l beating of Wild Sap (10-12) at Huntingdon (2m 4f, £1711, good to soft, Dec 1, 18 ran).

TARAHUMARA (10-12) beat Corde Lass (10-12) 2l at Fontwell (2m 2f, £1567, soft, Jan 18, 19 ran).

ROSIE MARCHIONESS (10-5) was a running on 10½l 6th to Sadlers Night (10-10) on Warwick debut (2m, £1080, good, Dec 3, 25 ran).

WUGBY (10-5) made late progress when 11l 7th to French Goblin (10-11) on debut over course and distance (2387, soft, Dec 21, 18 ran).

Selection: TARAHUMARA

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103 D-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshields. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.30 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £2,565: 3m 190yds) (16 runners)

2	1	CONJUGATE 47 (S) (W Shand Kydd) M Wilkinson 7-11-3	C Llewellyn (4)	94	
4	03P044	FAST ESCAPE 29 (F) (Mrs D Wigan) J Gifford 7-11-3	Mr T Grantham	85	
6	1F22F2	MISTER CHRISTIAN 46 (S) (C Lewis) D Barons 7-11-3	P Nicholls	90	
8	0F-0102	OVER THE ROAD 46 (C,S) (J Upson) T Casey 7-11-3	Mr T Costello	98	
9	0P-001	SUNSHINE SAM 48 (S) (The Lady Vestey) T Forster 8-11-3	H Davies	97	
10	P4-R019	PIPPAHMINT LASS 46 (C,BF,S) (H Shouler) D Nicholson 6-10-12	R Dunwoody	88	
37	004444	PEARLY STEPS 17 (G) (Mrs E Mitchell) N Mitchell 9-10-10	B Powell	77	
39	02000-2	PHAROAH'S LAEN 31 (T Johnsey) M Pipe 7-10-10	P Scudamore	—	
48	020-433	TROUT ANGLER 27 (BF) (P Trant) Miss P O'Connor 7-10-10	G McCourt	92	
49	0-3P233	BALLYANNAGH 3 (W Wharton) J Wharton 7-10-5	S O'Neill	94	
50	FPF0	BLADON PARK 40 (Mrs L Marsh) R Armytage 8-10-5	M Bosley	—	
52		LUCKY LOUISE (Mrs F Parkes) M Oliver 8-10-5	E Buckley	—	
53	P	MASTERS MAGIC 57 (Mrs C Jane Stallard) J Cosgrave 9-10-5	K Ryan	—	
55	66-0004	PORCHESTER RUN 3 (A McGinn) Mrs I McKie 6-10-5	R Beggan	75	
56	UB-FP40	RALEIGH GAZELLE 27 (R Newton) W G M Turner 6-10-5	K Treyter (7)	● 99	
57	3-P2PPU	VALMAI 29 (R Ledger) R Ledger 9-10-5	Mrs N Ledger	95	

BETTING: 11-4 Conjugate, 7-2 Sunshine Sam, 5-1 Trout Angler, 6-1 Over The Road, 8-1 Mister Christian, 10-1 Fast Escape, 12-1 Pharoah's Laen, 16-1 Ballyannagh, 20-1 others.

1987: PREMION'S LAST 11-10-3 C Llewellyn (25-1) J Old 15 ran

FORM CONJUGATE (10-12) pushed out for a 5l win from Felton (10-12) at Leicester (3m, £3285, soft, Dec 31, 16 ran).

FAST ESCAPE (10-12) last completed when 23l 5th to Flamenco Dancer (10-6) in Folkestone handicap company (3m 2f, £1750, good to soft, Dec 22, 15 ran), VALMAI (10-7) was behind when pulled up.

MISTER CHRISTIAN (11-6) 8l 2nd to Sporting Mariner (11-0) on heavy ground at Devon (3m 1f, £2985, Jan 1, 14 ran).

OVER THE ROAD (11-9) a neck 2nd to to Motivator (11-0) at Leicester last time (3m, £3113, soft, Jan 1, 5 ran) with BALLYANNAGH (10-9) a distance back in 3rd.

SUNSHINE SAM (11-1) beat Mr Pinkerton (10-4) 8l at Warwick (3m, £2915, soft, Dec 30, 14 ran) with TROUT ANGLER (10-13) 15l 3rd and PIPPAHMINT LASS (10-7) always behind in 7th.

PIPPAHMINT LASS (10-9) beat BALLYANNAGH (10-9) ¾l at Towcester on penultimate start (2m 5f 110yd, £1383, soft, Dec 21, 15 ran), MASTERS MAGIC (10-9) was pulled up.

TROUT ANGLER (11-2) was going like a winner before jockey eased up too much at Ludlow last time (3m, £1571, good to soft, Jan 20, 16 ran) and he finished a short head behind dead-heaters Fortescue (10-7) and Rich Nickel (10-3).

Selection: TROUT ANGLER

4.0 MANNING CHALLENGE CUP (Hunter chase: £1,150: 2m 5f 110yd) (7 runners)

3	00P-002	DALTMORE 181 (F,G,S) (R Aston) R Aston 10-12-9		93	
4	142U23-	ELIOGARTY 262 (G,S) (Miss C Beasley) M Robinson 13-12-9	Miss C Beasley (4)	● 99	
11	40200-F	YOU'RE WELCOME 4 (F,G,S) (S Embiricos) J Gifford 12-12-9	Mr T Grantham	93	
15	U-	ALL SAUCE 344 (Miss D Stanhope) Miss D Stanhope 8-11-9	Miss D Stanhope (7)	—	
21		REUBEN DEWY (S Stacey) S Stacey 8-11-9	Miss P Curling (7)	—	
22	00F/P00-	RIMFIRE 289 (Mrs E Bevan) Mrs E Bevan 13-11-9	Mr R Bevan (7)	56	
23	0	THE DRAGON MASTER 371 (R Waley-Cohen) R Waley-Cohen 6-11-9	Mr N Ridland (7)	—	

BETTING: 6-4 Eliogarty, 2-1 You're Welcome, 3-1 Daltmore, 16-1 The Dragon Master, 20-1 Rimfire, 25-1 All Sauce, Reuben Dewy.

1987: DROMORE CASTLE 7-11-2 Mr M Felton (7-1) R Waley-Cohen 12 ran

FORM DALTMORE (11-11) a length 2nd to Kolme (10-11) in Dundalk handicap company last time (3m 164yd, £1037, firm, Aug 19, 5 ran).

ELIOGARTY, a former winner of the Foxhunters at the Cheltenham Festival, showed best form last season when (12-0) 16½l 4th to Observe (12-0) in that same race (3m 2f, £6612, good, Mar 19, 14 ran).

YOU'RE WELCOME (10-2) 17½l 5th to Maori Venture (10-13) in last year's Grand National (4m 4f, £54710, good, Apr 4, 40 ran), DALTMORE (10-0) was pulled up.

RIMFIRE (11-10) 10½l 5th to Rodace (11-10) at Bangor on penultimate start (3m, £1680, good to firm, May 16, 10 ran).

Selection: DALTMORE

4.30 RACING POST HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,683: 2m 5f 26yd) (21 runners)

1	000-U0F	HOT HANDED 25 (F,G) (C Nash) C Nash 7-11-10	Mr T Mitchell (7)	95	
4	43P/301-	FLYING IRISH 437 (G) (J Duggan) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-6	M Pitman	94	
6	00-F0S8	GUESSING 25 (S) (Racegoers Club Owners Group 1986) P Mitchell 5-11-4	G McCourt	94	
7	020021-	PREFALAS 262 (G,S) (P Connolly) O Sherwood 8-11-4	M Richards	96	
9	4P0000	EROSTIN RULER 6 (F,G) (J Upson) T Casey 7-11-3	R Dunwoody	87	
10	0042-20	UNICOL 66 (Unicol Group Holdings Ltd) S Mellor 8-11-1	G Landau	91	
12	022-310	MAC'S GOLD 73 (C,S) (R Hepburn) R Armytage 5-11-0	Mr M Armytage (4)	89	
16	2/3T-PP0	HUBLI 159 (F,G,S) (J Williams) M Chapman 8-10-13	S O'Neill	83	
18	6-FF0F8	BEECH GROVE 28 (S) (Mrs L Hilliard) T Forster 7-10-11	C Llewellyn (4)	88	
19	00612-3	MOORLAND LADY 46 (F) (Mrs M McGovern) P Hedger 6-10-10	P Corrigan	93	
23	23-480U	MAJURA ROAD 27 (DLS) (D Wright) J Fitch-Heyes 8-10-5	Penny Fitch-Heyes	91	
25	004220	SEEYOUAROUND 17 (C,F,S) (P Herron) O Brennan 11-10-5	M Brennan	85	
27	08110/P-	COMRA 462 (B,G,S) (N Shore) G Ham 9-10-4	B Powell	—	
30	23-0404	CROWN GREEN 65 (J Thursby) F Welwyn 8-10-1	K Mooney	93	
31	40/2400-	POTTSTOWN 480 (S) (Miss V Markowski) J Long 7-10-0	—	97	
33	002340	UP THE LADDER 87 (V Thompson) C Charles 4-10-0	A Carroll	86	
35	0F-0000	CYGNETS BEST 66 (J Upson) T Casey 5-10-0	P Hanley (7)	92	
36	P0000F	BLACKWELL BOY 50 (G) (Triam South West Ltd) A James 7-10-0	J Bryan	● 99	
40	000000	ZIPARIS 5 (V,S) (Mrs F Burgess) J Elliott 10-10-0	Mrs C Elliott	—	
41	12P-RR	PRIDDEN JIMMY 60 (F) (C Weedon) C Weedon 9-10-0	A Webb	—	
42	000-0F0	BUSKINA 26 (B) (T Sivier) C Vernon Miller 8-10-0	L Harvey	—	

BETTING: 5-1 Guessing, 8-1 Blackw

FOOTBALL: TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR FORWARD HAS THE CHANCE TO PUT HIS CLUB PROBLEMS BEHIND HIM

Beardsley provides Allen with the perfect example

From Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent, Tel Aviv

The two men expected to lead England's attack against Israel here tomorrow are sharpshooters of a vastly different calibre. Peter Beardsley is described by the manager, Bobby Robson, as "the finished article". Clive Allen, has yet to make his mark in the international arena.

Beardsley is a naturally creative influence who has learned the art of goalscoring during a season in which his club, Liverpool, has ruthlessly cut down its opponents. Allen is a single-minded predator whose instinctive aim has become wayward during the rebuilding process at Tottenham Hotspur.

Beardsley is "a gem of a player" who was established within months of his introduction for England, as a substitute in Egypt two years ago. Allen appeared initially during the 1984 South American tour and has since been selected only once, in Turkey last April when he was withdrawn.

Beardsley has "never had a poor game for England", according to Robson, even when he was playing for a struggling Newcastle United side. "Indeed, every one of his performances has been excellent." Allen has yet to bridge the gap that divides domestic and international football.

Beardsley joined the strongest side in the country and has since become one of the most consistent figures in it. Allen fears for his future at White Hart Lane, because of the signing of Walsh, less than a year after breaking Tottenham's goalscoring record.

Beardsley is assured of a place in the England team that will compete in the finals of the European Championship in June. Allen is not certain to be included even in the squad for the next practice match, against The Netherlands at Wembley next month.

Poles apart they may be, but tomorrow they are likely to be brought together for a fixture which represents little more than the start of a process of elimination. Robson revealed yesterday that he intends to take no more than 17 outfield players with him to the tournament in West Germany.

Three of the 20 available places in the party will be taken by goalkeepers (Shilton, Woods and probably Seaman). "The other national managers may not decide to do that," he said, "but I am not prepared to take only two and risk one of them being injured."

In the team to be unveiled today Watson and Wright will probably fill the role of understudies to Butcher and Adams, the regular central defenders, who are both unavailable through injury. Pearce, the lone absentee from yesterday's training session, may also be invited, if he recovers, to confirm that he should cover for Sansom.

Barnes and Waddle, who for so long challenged each other for the same wide position, are now expected to be given their own freedom on either flank. In spite of the unmistakable promise of McMahon, the one newcomer in the party, Bryan Robson and Webb will resume their partnership between them.

Lineker, Hateley, Hoddle, Anderson, Reid and Steven will all immediately come back into contention but, although his line-up is almost settled, Robson welcomes the "healthy competition for places". He points out that only Barnes, "as a genuine left-winger, has no one breathing down his neck at the moment".

He added that he was "not forgetting Hodge, who played in the World Cup finals when he was preferred to Barnes. Many people have suggested players who should be brought in for the European Championships. My problem will be deciding which of the players I have to leave out."

Pendrey plans for tears to stop

By Dennis Shaw

Whenever the famous set of numbered balls rattle enticingly at Lancaster Gate to add a touch of drama to an FA Cup draw for the BBC airwaves, they seldom fail to produce at least one tie to stir forgotten dreams. Garry Pendrey's Birmingham City versus Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest on Saturday is, indeed, one for the romantics, especially those with a sense of history.

Contrast is the name of this particular game. Except for a gnawing hunger for success in the Cup, the managers are without similarity.

Pendrey has been a member of Birmingham's inner-ring, Small Heath district, since he was a grubby-kneed schoolboy. Standing on tip-toe at the back of the Tilton Road End has been sacred ground since he was in short pants. "It's been my life's ambition as supporter, player and now manager to see this club

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win something," he says, from his bone marrow. "This is not a job to me, it's a labour of love."

As supporter of Sunderland, forward for England and Middlesbrough and manager of Derby County and Forest, Clough has won every major home honour, except the Cup. Thus the stage is set for yet more heartbreak on one side, and that seductive "can-it-be-our-year?" feeling on the other.

Whatever happens on Saturday, there will be, at least, one bonus for Pendrey, seeing St Andrews at wall-to-wall capacity. Only 5,878 watched Birmingham's last League match against Millwall. "When I played for Freddie Goodwin's promoted team in the early 1970s, we went three seasons without dropping below a 30,000 gate," he recalls.

Those were the days of Trevor Francis, Bob Latchford, Kenny Burns and Bob Hatton. In 1972-73 they were fourth in the first division's average attendance League (36,663) behind Manchester United (48,623), Liverpool (48,127) and Arsenal (40,246). Now wags claim supporters have to think of wasting shoe leather if they try to find someone to talk to on the terraces.

When the late Clifford Coombs, the millionaire chairman, was in charge, followed by an equally benevolent son, Keith, expensive players were signed on a nod from the manager. Now Ken Wheldon, wrestling with debts of more than £3 million, is far more likely to shake his head and tell Pendrey to switch off the light on the way out.

So a team built on this non-budget, with Whitton and Wigley as the leading players, and Dicks, the young hopeful, takes on the team chasing Liverpool at the top of first division, packed with young players constantly under the scrutiny of Bobby Robson, the England manager.

It looks to be a mis-match. Not so, Pendrey claims. "All cup-ties start even," he insists. "We have every chance of going through. Birmingham City have never won anything really worth mentioning. We've been a good second division team, won promotion now and again. That's it."

Pendrey, as Birmingham as the Bull Ring, is too young to remember much about Birmingham's only post-War Wembley appearance, when Manchester City beat them in 1956. He does have a Cup memory he would like to purge. "I played in three semi-finals for Birmingham," Pendrey said. "We lost them all, but I'll never forget 1975 when we absolutely murdered Fulham in the Maine Road replay but Mellor, in goal, stopped everything. Then 15 seconds before the end of injury time they scored. There were some tears shed that night."

Maybe an embroidered tear-stain would be an appropriate emblem for the club whose motto boasts Forward, but who can boast only one lonely success, the Football League Cup when it was known as "Hardaker's Folly" in 1962-63.

When Pendrey sends his team out to face Forest he will know precisely how profoundly a far-flung fan club that numbers Stan Cullis, Sir Alf Ramsey, Roy Saunders, Howard Kendall, Gordon Taylor, Frank Worthington, Archie Gemmill, Colin Todd, Jasper Carrott, the comic, or Jeff Lynne, of ELO fame, among its members, hangers for a Birmingham victory. He remembers all too vividly from those boyhood dreams at the Tilton End.



Birmingham to his bones: Pendrey, life-long supporter and now manager at St Andrews

Gascoigne must avoid yellow card

By Clive White

Any England player booked in the first leg of today's European under-21 championship quarter-final against Scotland in Aberdeen will be immediately substituted. After the shame brought upon England and himself by Cottee's dismissal in an under-21 international against West Germany last September, the Football Association have decided that they must be cruel to be kind.

That moment of impetuosity put Cottee's international career into reverse and the FA are anxious that others do not suffer the same fate. "If they get the yellow card they're off. That's the rule it's for their own good," Dave Sexton, the under-21 manager, said yesterday.

For what is likely to be a typically fierce battle against the old enemy, Bobby Robson, the England manger, is keen to protect the international future of tomorrow's stars. One young man who obviously fits into that category is Gascoigne, the Newcastle United midfield sensation.

It is well known that over exuberance is one of Gascoigne's few weaknesses and he has already fallen foul of the new England policy on bookings by being substituted against Yugoslavia in November after receiving a yellow card.

Sexton said: "He is a talented player but you can't be talented if you're off the pitch. Gascoigne is the same as any player. He's got to learn to live with the publicity and the pressure and still play football. I understand, though, he kept his head well at Wimbledon recently."

Sexton is in no doubt that England's young men will be in for a rough ride against what is likely to be a very strong Scottish side. "It will be a robust game and the players must understand that the rules of the game are interpreted differently in different countries. It's half the lesson to learn that."

With rarely more than a goal between these two teams in recent encounters, England will be hoping that a back four which includes three first division regulars, Thomas, Dorigo and Walker, plus the experienced Keown, of Aston Villa, can suitably resist the Scots and provide England with a reasonable target at which to aim in the return leg in Nottingham on March 22.

England's midfield should not be found wanting, either. Gascoigne is supported by the skilful Rocastle, the experienced Robson (the one over age player in the England side) and Watford's Porter.

It is England's attack against which there must be a question mark. Clough is again given the chance to fulfil the promise he regularly shows at club level but which until recently has escaped him in his international career.

SCOTLAND UNDER-21: Geddes (Dundee), R Shannon (Dundee), P Hegarty (Dundee United), D Whyte (Celtic), D Robertson (Aberdeen), D Ferguson (Rangers), R Grant (Celtic), T Wilson (Nottingham Forest), Gallacher (Dundee United), I Durrant (Rangers), R Fleck (Norwich).
ENGLAND UNDER-21: P Suckling (Crystal Palace); M Thomas (Arsenal), D Walker (Notts Forest), M Keown (Aston Villa), A Dorigo (Chelsea), D Rocastle (Arsenal), S Robson (West Ham), P Gascoigne (Newcastle), S White (Man City), N Clough (Nottingham Forest), G Porter (Watford).

Welsh not giving up on Clough

The Football Association of Wales has still not given up hope that it might capture the services of Brian Clough. Alun Evans, the secretary, said yesterday that the association was making a cautious approach to Nottingham Forest, requesting permission to speak to Clough directly.

"We would like to talk to him regarding his position after May 31," Evans said. "We would obviously be careful because we do not have the right to say we will offer a full-time contract."

There is a strong feeling among some FAW council members that Clough should be offered a full-time contract if he decides to part with his club at the end of May. Offers to subsidize the wages have come from a number of Welsh industrialists and businessmen. However, the association wants to know whether it is worthwhile waiting. If it is not, it wants to start looking elsewhere for someone to take charge of the national side.

In the meantime, a caretaker-manager could be appointed for the international against Yugoslavia at Swansea next month.

Ferguson joins Rangers

Graeme Souness, the Rangers player-manager, took his spending to £6.7 million in less than two years when he completed the signing yesterday of the St Mirren midfield player, Ian Ferguson, in a £1 million deal.

Ferguson signed for the club he supported as a boy just two hours before the European transfer deadline and ended a three-month battle by Rangers to secure his services.

Ferguson, aged 20, is Souness's twentieth signing and is now eligible to play in the European Cup final should Rangers get through. Souness captured Ferguson at the fourth attempt after the St Mirren board had resisted three previous offers for the Scottish under-21 international.

The official statement from the Ibrox club said that the deal was for "an undisclosed sum" but it is understood that the basic fee is around £850,000 with another £150,000 payable to St Mirren depending on Ferguson achieving particular international honours.

"I've always wanted to play for Rangers and I can't wait to get started," Ferguson, who is cup-tied this weekend and cannot make his debut until the following Saturday, admitted.

"Rangers are the team I've supported all my days and the set-up at Ibrox is magnificent. The prospect of playing alongside the big-name players there is fantastic."

Richard Gough, at £1.5 million, remains Souness's biggest single investment, followed by Ferguson at £1 million with Terry Butcher's £750,000 transfer fee a moderate sum by comparison.

Portsmouth, who face a High Court winding-up petition tomorrow, placed Ian Baird, a forward, on the transfer list yesterday. Baird, aged 23, was Portsmouth's record signing at £285,000 when they bought him from Leeds United last summer.

Paul Walsh, who has been unable to command a place in the Liverpool team this season, completed his £500,000 transfer to Tottenham Hotspur yesterday.

Derby County have signed Brett Angell, a forward, from Cheltenham Town for an initial fee of £45,000. The GM Vauxhall Conference club could net more, depending on Angell making a specified number of first team or international appearances.

Watford shed chains of fear

By Ian Stafford

Six weeks ago Watford would have viewed Saturday's trip to Port Vale with about the same enthusiasm they greeted Paul Raymond's vain attempts to buy out the club. Struggling at the foot of the first division under Dave Bassett, their former manager, it would not have been much of a surprise if Port Vale had unceremoniously added to their misery.

Port Vale have already removed Terry Venables's Tottenham Hotspur and their 2-0 win was well-deserved. Positioned comfortably in the middle of the third division table Port Vale, without thoughts of promotion, can concentrate on the opportunity to enjoy what every small football club cherishes — a giant-killing Cup run.

Watford still look contenders for relegation, but the portents for a Cup upset are considerably less when their 1988 recovery process, under Steve Harrison, their new manager, is considered. Confidence has returned to the ranks and, to some extent, the old Watford style is back. With experienced players such as John McClelland, the captain, and Tony Coton, the goalkeeper, Watford know what to expect at Vale Park.

"Everybody outside Watford wants them to win just like we all want to see Liverpool lose," McClelland said. "By beating Tottenham, Vale showed it will not be easy. They have reached this far in the Cup on merit. It will be a great atmosphere and they will throw everything at us for the first 20 minutes. If we can stem the early tide and quieten their supporters we can take control."



Coton: lure of Wembley



McClelland: freedom to play

Coton looks at his trip to the Potteries realistically. "We will not underestimate them, but any club would rather avoid first division opposition and have our tie," he said. "We could not have had a tougher Cup match than we did in the fourth round when we went to the holders, Coventry, and won. The team has been brought up under Graham Taylor and we all know what is required."

While Port Vale enjoyed a comfortable home win against Grimsby on Saturday, Watford became the latest fodder for Liverpool. A 4-1 defeat at Vicarage Road is not usually the best way to prepare, but Coton said: "Teams who are walloped the week before usually take it out on their next Cup victims. The Liverpool result does not bother us because we were on a hiding to nothing." McClelland believes that their Liverpool experience can only educate. "They made us realize just how much work we need to put in and what we could achieve. In the first division every game is pressure for us, but the Cup provides a release and I like to think that is to our advantage. We can go out and play with freedom and without any tension."

Like any club other in their position, Watford would relinquish a successful Cup run if they could avoid relegation. But at least Harrison has brought back self-belief. "We have more idea of how we should play," Coton said. "We are now passing the ball much more than we did under Bassett and it shows in our results. I have never been to Wembley and a Cup run would not harm us. Steve is a great motivator and we are going to Port Vale expecting to win."

Sheedy set to make comeback

Kevin Sheedy, the Everton and Republic of Ireland midfield player, will press his claims for a place in Sunday's FA Cup fifth-round tie against Liverpool this evening when the champions face Luton Town in a long-delayed Simod Cup match (Ian Ross writes).

Sheedy, who has not played a senior game since mid-December, will join his fellow long-term casualty, Paul Bracewell, in tonight's starting line-up if he passes a late fitness test.

"This should prove to be a useful game for both men as they are both short of match practice," Colin Harvey, the Everton manager, said.

Ally Robertson, the Wolverhampton Wanderers defender, is in line to become player-manager of Exeter City. Robertson, who spent 18 years at West Bromich Albion, has already had an interview with the Exeter board.

● Lloyd McGrath, The Coventry City and England under-21 midfield player who suffered a compound fracture of his right leg in last Tuesday's Simod Cup game against Ipswich Town, left hospital in Coventry yesterday. McGrath is expected to be out of action for at least six months.

● The Barnsley forward, Rodger Wylde, faces a two-match ban after being booked in Saturday's home defeat by Blackburn Rovers. He will be ineligible for the home match against Ipswich Town on February 27 and the trip to Hull on March 5.

Bingham caught short

By George Ace

Billy Bingham appeared far from happy as he flew out of London yesterday for Athens with his Northern Ireland squad for the first of a three-match build-up for the World Cup against Greece tomorrow. Bingham is disappointed that Norman Whiteside is not in the party.

"Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, phoned and told me Norman had picked up an ankle knock in the game against Chelsea," he said. "He also missed the trip to Sarajevo and the game against Yugoslavia. With David McCreery also out injured, the midfield remains unsettled."

There is a growing feeling among members of the Irish Football Association that Whiteside, at times, does not push his case to play for Northern Ireland hard enough.

Also missing from the original 18-strong party is Alan McDonald, the Queen's Park Rangers captain, who also has an ankle injury. Both players are involved in FA Cup fifth-round ties on Saturday and, in the circumstances, the withdrawals once injuries were sustained, however slight, were always on the cards.

No replacements were called upon, and Bingham said: "I hope Whiteside's absence will prove a spur and make the other players play well." The kick-off (6 p.m.) has been resolved after three attempts.

Match ban confronts Gullit

Ruud Gullit, the European footballer of the year, sent off in the eighth minute of an Italian league match on Sunday, said it was all a misunderstanding. But, like Hugo Sanchez, of Real Madrid, who was sent off in Spain, Gullit faces at least a one-match ban as the European domestic programme approaches an important phase.

Gullit, playing for second-placed AC Milan at lowly Ascoli, was dismissed after applauding, apparently ironically, a decision by the referee to show him the yellow card. He explained later: "I was saying to myself, 'OK, OK, let's get back to the match and as I did so I clapped my hands. It's my way of doing things, bringing myself round.'" Team-mates came to the Dutchman's defence, saying it was a gesture he always made in training.

Milan scrambled a 1-1 draw but with the leaders, Napoli, thrashing struggling Avellino 4-0, Maradona scoring his twelfth league goal of the season, Milan now trail the title-holders by five points.

Sanchez, sent off at Osasuna on Saturday, will miss a Cup semi-final second leg tie against Real Sociedad on Thursday. Two minutes after his dismissal, the Mexican having scored moments earlier from a penalty, the home side grabbed the winning goal. The 2-1 reverse was only Real's third defeat of the season.

The Dutch title remains PSV Eindhoven's for the taking despite a 0-0 draw at Utrecht, a marked improvement by Utrecht who lost 9-0 to the champions in August. PSV, with two draws and no defeats in 21 games, are eight points clear of Ajax Amsterdam, who won a second round Cup match at FC Volendam 3-2.

Bayern Munich beat their Bavarian first division rivals, Nuremberg, 3-1 to reach the quarter-finals of the West German Cup, joining the cup holders, Hamburg SV, and amateurs Viktoria Aschaffenburg. Mark Hughes, of Wales, on loan from Barcelona, scored Bayern's second goal in the 62nd minute and Matthaeus the third seconds before the end.

Werder Bremen, first division leaders, managed only a 1-1 draw against the amateurs, Pforzheim, after extra time. The replay is on February 23. Aschaffenburg become the only amateur team to reach the last eight with a 1-0 away victory over fellow amateurs, Hessen Kassel.

In Belgium, players from Club Bruges refused to turn out for a friendly with the Dutch part-time side Sluiskil because of a dispute over victory bonuses for next month's UEFA Cup quarter-final against Panathinaikos Athens. More than 1,000 turned up to watch and Sluiskil will be paid compensation.

OVERSEAS RESULTS

FAI CUP: Fourth round: Athlone Town 1, Limerick City 1; Ballyfermot United 1, Longford Town 1; Pegasus 1, Newcastlewest 2; Drogheda United 1, Cobh Ramblers 1; Derry City 6, St Joseph's Boys 0; Mervue United 1, Monaghan Town 2; Home Farm 5, Culdaff 0; Avondale United 0, Tramore Athletic 2; Shelbourne 1, St Patrick's Athletic 2; Cork City 4, Galway United 0; Bluebell United 3, St Mary's, Cork 2; Bohemians 1, Fanad United 0; Bray Wanderers 1, EMFA 1; Waterford United 3, Finn Harps 2; Sligo Rovers 1, Dundalk 1.

DUTCH LEAGUE: FC Utrecht 0, PSV Eindhoven 0. Leading positions: 1, PSV Eindhoven, played 21, 40pts; 2, Ajax, 22, 32; 3, Willem II, 22, 26. CUP: Second round: FC Volendam 2, Ajax 3; FC Den Haag 0, Feyenoord 4; Roda JC 2, Fortuna Sittard 0; Excelsior 0, RKC 6; SVV 1, RBC 2. Postponed: FC VV v DS'79; NEC v Willem II.

GREEK LEAGUE: AEK 2, Ans 1; Ethnikos 1, Panathinaikos 0; Iraklis 2, Kalamaria 0; Larissa 1, Diagoras 0; Olympiakos 2, Verria 0; Panionios 0, Panachaiki 0; Panserakos 0, OFI 1; PAOK 4, Levadiakos 1. Leading positions: 1, Larissa, played 19, 29pts; 2, OFI, 19, 28; 3, AEK, 19, 26.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Ascoli 1, A C Milan 1; Cesena 0, Pescara 1; Fiorentina 0, Empoli 0; Internazionale 0, Torino 1; Juventus 0, Verona 0; Napoli 4, Avellino 0; Pisa 1, Roma 1; Sampdoria 3, Como 0. Leading positions: 1, Napoli, played 19, 33pts; 2, Milan, 19, 28; 3, Roma, 19, 25.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Cádiz 0, Real Mallorca 0; Sabadell 0, Logrones 1; Atletico Madrid 2, Celta 1; Athletic Bilbao 2, Real Betis 0; Valencia 1, Barcelona 0; Espanol 1, Real Murcia 0; Seville 1, Real Sociedad 0; Osasuna 2, Real Madrid 1; Real Zaragoza 2, Sporting 0; Las Palmas 4, Real Valladolid 0. Leading positions: 1, Real Madrid, played 23, 36pts; 2, Atletico Madrid, 23, 34; 3, Real Sociedad, 22, 31.

WEST GERMAN CUP: Third round: Kaiserslautern 1, Hamburg 2; Bayer Uerdingen 3, Dortmund 3; Pforzheim 1, Werder Bremen 1 (aet); Kassel 0, Aschaffenburg 1; Bayern Munich 3, Nuremberg 1; Schwarz-Weiss Essen 0, Bochum 1.

Barrow facing another away-day tie

By Paul Newman

If Barrow reach the final of the FA Trophy at Wembley this season they will have done so the hard way. In the quarter-finals next month the Northern Premier League side will play away for the fifth round in succession, against Altrincham or Fisher Athletic, who were meeting in a third round replay last night.

Barrow have already disposed of Morecambe, Burton Albion, Hendon and Runcorn. Having twice attracted home gates of more than 2,000 this season they had been keen to stage a quarter-final at Holker Street.

Lincoln City, competing in the Trophy for the first time, are drawn away to Enfield, the 1982 winners. Wokingham Town, who have scored 15 goals in reaching this stage for the first time in their history, entertain Macclesfield Town, who over the last two seasons have the most impressive record of any non-League club in knock-out competitions. Earlier this season they reached the third round proper of the FA Cup.

Cheltenham Town's reward for beating Bromsgrove Rovers on Sunday is a third successive home tie, against Telford United or Stafford Rangers.

DRAW: Enfield v Lincoln; Wokingham v Macclesfield; Cheltenham v Telford or Stafford; Altrincham or Fisher v Barrow. *Ties to be played on March 5.*

POOLS FORECAST by Paul Newman

Saturday February 20 unless stated

FA CUP FIFTH ROUND
2 Birmingham v Nottm F
1 Newcastle v Wimbledon
2 QPR v Luton

Not on coupons: Arsenal v Manchester United; Everton v Liverpool (Sunday); Manchester City v Plymouth; Port Vale v Watford; Portsmouth v Bradford

FIRST DIVISION
2 Charlton v Sheffield W
1 Oxford v Derby

Not on coupons: Coventry v Norwich

SECOND DIVISION
2 Blackburn v A Villa
X Ipswich v Leicester
1 Millwall v Oldham
2 Shrewsbury v Swindon

Not on coupons: Reading v Middlesbrough; Sheffield United v Barnsley

THIRD DIVISION
1 Bristol C v Mansfield
2 Chesterfield v Preston
2 Fulham v Walsall
1 Grimsby v Doncaster
1 Northampton v Chester
1 Rotherham v Bristol R
X Southend v Bury
1 Sunderland v Brentford
X Wigan v Notts Co
2 York v Brighton
Not on coupons: Blackpool v Gillingham

FOURTH DIVISION
1 Carlisle v Peterboro
X Crewe v Bolton
1 Darlington v Halifax
1 Leyton O v Cardiff
X Rochdale v Hereford
X Tranmere v Scunthorpe
P Wolves v Scarboro
(Playing Friday)
X Wrexham v Torquay

Not on coupons: Cambridge United v Exeter (Friday); Colchester v Burnley (Friday); Newport v Hartlepool (Friday); Swansea v Stockport (Friday)

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE
2 Cheltenham v Bath
2 Enfield v Barnet
1 Kidderminster v Fisher
1 Lincoln v Telford
1 Macclesfld v Kettering
1 Maidstone v Altrincham
1 Northwich v Dagenham
1 Sutton U v Wycombe
X Wealdstone v Welling

VAUXHALL-OPEL LGE PREMIER DIVISION
2 Barking v B Stortford
1 Bognor v L-Wingate
X Bromley v Windsor
2 Croydon v Yeovil
1 Hayes v Tooting
2 Hitchin v Kingstonian
1 Leytonstone v Hendon
1 St Albans v Basingstoke
1 Slough v Carshalton
1 Wokingham v Farnboro

BEAZER HOMES LGE PREMIER DIVISION
1 Alvechurch v Ashford
1 Aylesbury v Redditch
1 Bromsgrove v VS Rugby
X Burton v Chelmsford
X Corby v Dorchester
X Crawley v Dartford

SCOTTISH FA CUP FOURTH ROUND
2 Airdrie v Dundee U
2 Hamilton v Aberdeen
1 Hearts v Morton
Not on coupons: Celtic v Hibernian; Clydebank v Partick; Dundee v Motherwell; Dunfermline v Rangers; East Stirling v Clyde

SCOTTISH SECOND
1 Albion v Stenhousemuir
1 Arbroath v Alloa
1 Stirling v Montrose
Not on coupons: Ayr v Queen's Park; Brechin v Stranraer; Cowdenbeath v St Johnstone

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Ipswich, Southend, Wigan, Crewe, Rochdale, Tranmere, Wrexham, Wealdstone, Bromley, Burton, Corby, Crawley.
BEST DRAWS: Ipswich, Southend, Wigan, Crewe, Bromley.
AWAYS: Nottingham Forest, Walsall, Brighton, Barnet, Yeovil.
HOMES: Newcastle, Oxford, Millwall, Bristol City, Northampton, Darlington, Kidderminster, Maidstone, Northwich, Hayes, St Albans, Aylesbury.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Oxford, Millwall, Bristol City, Northampton, Darlington. Aways: Nottingham Forest, Luton, Preston. Draws: Ipswich, Southend, Crewe.

ROWING

Wraps to come off on Ely and Tideway

By Jim Railton

Although the Oxford and Cambridge presidents must be almost 99 per cent sure of their line-ups for the Boat Race for the Beefeater Trophy on April 2, they are keeping their oarsmen on ice and not making any announcements yet. Oxford and Cambridge have in a sense been keeping a low profile but the wraps will certainly come off this weekend with testing and major fixtures ahead.

Oxford come down to the Tideway to engage an old adversary in London University while Cambridge will entertain Imperial College at Ely, for whom they have the highest respect.

This time last year Oxford were in the midst of a mutiny. What a strange year it was with Oxford going on to win the Boat Race without five outstanding Americans and with one of the dissenters, Chris Penny, going on to be elected president. This year it is also quiet on the Oxford front with Chris Penny rowing in the four seat at Wallingford last week with another of last year's dissenters, the American international coxswain, Jonathan Fish, cracking the coaching whip.

With Oxford's Gavin Stewart taking part in the unofficial world indoor rowing championships in Boston over the weekend, the Isis oarsman, Justin Cheatle, substituted and experienced a row he will hardly forget. In dreadful conditions at Wallingford against a strong wind Oxford came close to sinking. It might have been a day for land rather than water training.

This is what Stewart and Chris Heathcoate flew out to Boston for. I should explain that the United States does not as yet have an indoor rowing course. The championships are decided on matched rowing ergometers, an excellent machine for testing a rower's work-rate. With the River Charles frozen over, the American oarsmen train seven days a week on ergometers and in the circumstances Stewart did extremely well to finish fourth out of 250 competitors in the open event. The competition was won by the Andy Sudduth, United States, in a world record time of 7min 27sec with Stewart timed at 7min 35sec.

Recently, Oxford colleges were unable to row for 10 consecutive days because the Isis was dangerously high. Frustrated, two colleges disobeyed the signs indicating the river was closed and consequently have been fined.

Cambridge also have had problems with the wind at Ely, a bleak place in winter. But after a highly successful outing against Goldie on Saturday, in which the potential Blue boat came out on top, the president, Jim Garman reckons Cambridge are on course.

BASKETBALL

Calderdale make a title point

By Julian Desborough

Calderdale came out of their toughest league game schedule holding the scalps and title aspirations of two of the top four teams, Kingston and Manchester United. The orchestrator of those wins was Gary Johnson, the Calderdale player-coach, who picked his side up after the previous Sunday's 27-point defeat in Scotland by Livingston.

Johnson said: "We had something to prove after that game. Our answer was playing our best stuff of the season against United last Tuesday," a game they won 104-78, ending the Manchester team's tilt at the championship.

While Calderdale were in buoyant mood, Jim Brandon, their general manager-player was sceptical about the forthcoming play-offs. If the season ends with the teams in their current positions, Calderdale in fifth place and Livingston fourth, the two will meet in a best-of-three series, something Brandon does not relish.

"I was upset with the treatment we received in Scotland at the start of this month. Livingston are a great club but we would not have lost by 26 points had the officiating been better. Nearly all our starting five were fouled out of the game.

"If we do have to face them, let's meet them on equal terms. For the sake of the sport, I think the Scottish Basketball Association needs to get things together," Brandon said.

Kingston are facing problems of their own after surrendering a 10-point lead in the early stages of Sunday's match to lose their unbeaten home record 82-89. It was their second successive loss in two days — Friday's visit to Livingston saw the Scottish side edge them out 85-84.

Solent virtually ensured a place in the final eight for the play-offs with a win over Hemel and Watford 92-110, with Phil Smith netting 38 points. Bolton and Bury continued to improve by winning at home to Oldham 112-80, while Derby secured a win over Sunderland 74-73. On Sunday, Livingston, now the only team unbeaten at home, beat Leicester 95-90 in the NatWest Trophy tie.

CARLSBERG LEAGUE

	P	W	L	Pts
Portsmouth	24	22	2	44
Manchester Utd	24	20	4	40
Kingston	22	19	3	38
Livingston	23	18	5	36
Calderdale	26	18	8	36
Bracknell	25	14	11	28
Solent	24	13	11	26
Leicester	24	12	12	24
Birmingham	25	12	13	24
Bolton/Bury	22	10	15	20
Hemel/Watford	25	9	16	18
Sunderland	26	9	16	18
Derby	25	4	21	8
Oldham	24	3	21	6
BCP London	24	1	23	2

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WINTER OLYMPICS: HOW THE HOST NATION'S ICE HOCKEY AMBITIONS WERE ALMOST SCUPPERED BY THE POLES

Canadian dreams on thin ice

From David Miller
Calgary

Gabriel Samolej, a deputy goalminder for Poland from a little club at Bytom, almost caused the first casualty of the Games on Sunday. Canada's dream of regaining the ice hockey title, six times theirs but the last having been won as long ago as 1952, was so nearly frustrated by this fearless Pole. Eventually the Canadians won a tense match at the Saddledome 1-0, despite the fact that there were more shots than you would see over the course of 10 football matches.

Canada's opening game should have been a formality. In previous meetings with Poland, the goal aggregate had been 261 to 9. Poland had been training under their coach, Leszek Lejczyk, for five weeks. Dave King has been planning Canada's gold medal for five years with a full-time team. The Poles were supposed to be a soft introduction to the sterner stuff ahead.

Back in 1969, a group of influential Canadians established "Hockey Canada", a programme which would attempt to rebuild the national game. There was the famous Canada-Soviet Union series of 1972, followed by the Canada Cup tournament in 1976, a return to the world championship the following year and to the Olympic Games at Lake Placid. Collaboration with the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association in 1982 established the Olympic programme for 1984 and 1988. At Sarajevo, Canada lost to Sweden for the bronze medal, and in April last year, King took Team Canada to another fourth place in the world championship.

In 1986, the IOC eligibility commission had accepted, in their changing world, the rights of ice hockey teams to include professionals, but Canada's superstars — such as Wayne Gretzky, of Edmonton Oilers, not only the most famous sportsman but the best known name in Canada, his colleague, Mark Messier, and Mario Lemieux of Pittsburgh Penguins — stayed with their millionaire club contracts. King was confined to unestablished National Hockey League players: other than one or two idealists such as Randy Gregg, a defender, who walked away from a $200,000 annual salary with the Oilers for a mere $20,000 with Team Canada.

King and his assistant coach Guy Channon, a former NHL Player, have been in a cleft stick. Many of their players are under NHL contracts and on loan. If they start to play too well, the clubs recall them. Besides Gregg, the leading NHL players are Zarley Zalapski (Penguins), and the two brilliant goalminders, Andy Moog (Oilers) and Sean Burke (New Jersey Devils).

Gregg first played for the Olympic squad in 1980, and he says: "I've never done anything that mattered more than playing for my country in the Olympics." Yet on Sunday the ambitions of him, Moog and the rest almost foundered as the plots took a wrong turn.

With Canada fresh from warm-up matches in Saskatoon, where they beat the Soviet Union and tied with Sweden, a near full house crowd at the Saddledome was full of expectation. Sherven almost scored in the first 15 seconds. But Canada's domination of much of the three periods, and their shot tally of 29 to 17, proved unavailing. They scrambled to their victory, and in a rousing last 20 minutes were lucky not to concede a point as Poland attacked with verve.

The goal came after only four minutes. Samolej made his one mistake of the match. He blocked a loose puck behind his goal, but instead of it being picked up by a defender, Sherven pounced to slip it to Habschied and the puck was in the net. Canada were lucky to survive two two-minute penalties in the first period.

At the start of the second period they hit a post after only 10 seconds, but Poland continued to play a patient, waiting game. After five minutes of the third period Sikorski, who plays professionally with Cologne, broke away through the middle to crash the puck against the cross-bar, and Canada played out the remaining time under some anxiety.

Today Canada meet Switzerland, who on Sunday night unexpectedly defeated Finland 2-1. Charron said after the match: "We're not disappointed with the way we played and I think it's important that we stayed calm and maintained our style even though we had such a small margin."

Not the least significant aspect of a visit to the Saddledome with a crowd of 20,000 is the marvellous cleanliness of the operation. This magnificant new stadium has refreshment bars every 25 yards, yet the foyers remain spotlessly clean and litter-free. During each period when the crowd has returned to their seats, cleaners are instantly at work of disposing of any litter. To buy a hamburger or a beer is little different from being in your own living room: something of a new experience for those accustomed to the grottiness of the British sports scene.

RUGBY UNION

Strong case for giving Orwin the captaincy

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

England will announce today both the side to play Scotland on March 5 and the XV for the B international against Italy at Leicester on March 4. An optimist would suggest, therefore, that there will be few changes to the national team despite the loss of the first two five nations' championship matches.

It had been suggested initially that the sides would not emerge until later this week, or possibly after the coming weekend. But the selectors gathered at the weekend and are evidently happy with their deliberations, having received reports from various representatives about the country on players coming back after injury.

There will have been considerable discussion about the captaincy, where Harrison's position is under threat. Oti, the Nottingham and Cambridge University wing, is pressing hard for a first cap on playing grounds alone and much of the England leadership this season has lain with Orwin, who has led the forwards in what has undoubtedly been England's most successful area.

Indeed, the England pack must have been greatly frustrated that they have done so well in two games and seen it come to nothing behind them. There is a case for giving Orwin the captaincy and hoping that, longer term, he can stay the pace on the hard grounds that England will play on in Australia this summer; alternatively there is Melville, who led England in his first international, against Australia in 1984, and was captain throughout the 1986-6 international season.

Apart from watching cup matches at the weekend, the England management also asked Des Seabrook, assistant coach last season, to watch Fylde's match with Orrell, to assess the form of Dooley and Bainbridge in the Fylde second row and that of Williams, the Orrell stand-off half and England's World Cup stand-off.

Seabrook was far from happy at the treatment meted out in the wake of the World Cup not so much to him but to Martin Green, then England's coach, so it is refreshing to hear that his experience is not being entirely wasted. Bainbridge is slowly regaining match fitness after the operation to correct a disorder in his upper leg.

Jansen fall casts a pall over US team

From John Hennessy

Tragedy struck the American team on the first day of the Olympic speed-skating events. Dan Jansen, the winner of the world sprint championship two weeks ago, offered a few last words of solace on the telephone to a sister dying of leukemia.

By the evening she had gone and what happened in the 500 metres race, which he had dedicated to her memory, was so out of character that we were left to assume that he was emotionally overwrought.

Ordinarily a strong, dependable skater, he first caused a false start and then lost his edge at the first corner, clattered into the protective barrier, and swept his unfortunate Japanese opponent, Yasushi Kuroiwa, away with him.

The tragedy and subsequent accident seemed to cast a pall over the whole American team. Nick Thometz, the holder of the world record and, like Jansen, clearly a prime candidate for the gold medal, was so out of sorts that he finished only eighth, with two other Americans languishing well down the list.

Yet, sad as all this was, it would be ungenerous to regard Jens-Uwe Mey as a lucky winner for East Germany. He has a proven pedigree and lopped a full tenth of a second off Thometz's record to win in 36.45sec.

He charged to the 100 metres mark in 9.7sec in the frenetic way speed skaters have at the start of a race, and gobbled up the remaining 400 metres in 26.69sec. Mey's average speed was 49.3 k.p.h., proclaiming him the fastest human being in the world on the flat without outside assistance.

In the superb covered arena of the Olympic Oval — a first in Olympic history — records fell like ninepins. In addition to Mey's world mark, no fewer than 27 men surpassed the best previous Olympic time and only a handful of national records survived.

China's aim

China's skaters and skiers, relative novices at the Winter Olympics, have just two ambitions in Calgary — to stay on their feet and to not finish last. "We've improved a lot in some events and believe we can finish around the middle in most of our contests," Wang Yingfu, general secretary of the Chinese Skiing and Skating Association, said. "We were pretty weak in winter sports in the past."

China have made two appearances at the Winter Olympics.



Down and out: Tragedy strikes the American speed skating team as Dan Jansen, their world sprint champion, goes sprawling in the 500 metres race

Profile of a figure skater thoroughly at peace with himself

Cool Orser ready to fulfil the yearnings of a nation

From John Hennessy

Canada have left no snowflake unturned in preparing Brian Orser, their figure-skating world champion, for his Olympic ordeal. He has a team (he rejects the expression "entourage") of eight people attending to his every want and whim here in Calgary.

In addition to his trainer, Doug Leigh, he has a choreographer and compulsory-figures consultant, in common with many other skaters, but these have been supplemented by a physiotherapist, a nutrition adviser, a sports psychologist, a personal Press attaché and a financial consultant.

He presents such an agreeable face in an interview that one is reluctant to recall an unfortunate precedent one Olympiad ago.

Rosalyn Sumners, of the United States, went to Sarajevo as world champion, as Orser does now, surrounded by experts on this, that and the other, but the stratagem failed. She was beaten into second place by Katarina Witt, of East Germany.

The same thing clearly could happen here, and there are some who claim to see the twitch beneath the calm exterior of the public face. I cannot pretend to be that percipient.

Orser seems a man thoroughly at peace with himself, apparently ready to fulfil the yearnings of a nation, a sentiment magnified many times here since the emotional opening ceremony on Saturday.

Orser, like so many others here, was not at his best in his own national championship, which, he says, exerts a unique form of pressure, but with that experience out of the way "it was like I'd got a thousand pounds off my shoulder. I've made fantastic progress in training since then".

He briefly acknowledged the threat presented by Aleksandr Fadeyev, of the Soviet Union, but thereafter seemed to fall into the common failing here of regarding the Olympic competition as a straight tussle between himself and Brian Boitano, winner of the world championship for the United States in 1986.

Fadeyev, hidden away from the limelight in some distant retreat, may benefit from this concentration on all things North American. But he will have to recover the form that took him to the title in 1985 and has eluded him ever since.

Orser and his army of advisers have been meticulous in their preparation. He has attended "simulations" — mock championships with stand-in judges, cameramen, photographers and off-stage effects to create the atmosphere of true competition. Recently they have gone to the extent of simulating a first practice session, with other Canadian skaters on the ice to represent the opposition. As a result, he said, his first practice here in Calgary was "terrific".

He felt that he would not suffer exceptional pressure here in front of his compatriots, rather the reverse. He reminded us that he "rose to the occasion in the world championship in Ottawa in 1984 to finish second to the Olympic champion, Scott Hamilton. I've been so looking forward to Calgary ever since".

With the retirement of Hamilton in 1984 the world title has been won in turn by the three leading contenders here, successively Fadeyev, Boitano and of course Orser. Before last year the Canadian champion had finished second on four successive World and Olympic occasions and acquired the unfortunate reputation of being a "choker".



Orser: Boitano main fear

Ellison shapes up

The England and Kent all-rounder, Richard Ellison, has shed 16lb in his attempt to be fit to return to action at the start of the season. Ellison, aged 28, who did not play any first-class cricket last season because of back trouble, has spent three months at the RAF rehabilitation centre at Headley Court.

RESULTS FROM CALGARY

ICE HOCKEY

POOL A (Sunday): Canada 1, Poland 0; Sweden 13, France 2; Switzerland 2, Finland 1.

SKI JUMPING

70 METRES (Sunday): 1, M Nykaenen (Fin), 229.1pts (89.5m + 90.5); 2, P Poc (Cz), 212.1 (84.5 + 87.0); 3, J Mueller (Cz), 211.8 (89.0 + 85.5); 4, M Troppa (Yug), 211.2 (84.0 + 89.5); 5 J Parma (Cz), 203.8 (83.5 + 82.5); 6, H Kuttin (Austria), 199.7 (87.0 + 80.5); 7, J Puikkonen (Fin), 199.1 (84.0 + 80.0); 8, S Tallberg (Swed), 198.1 (83.0 + 81.0); 9, J Wassiltog (Ger), 196.6 (81.5 + 80.0); 10, P Fijas (Pol), 195.4 (84.5 + 80.0). British placings: 56, E Edwards, 69.2 (55.0 + 55.0).

SPEED SKATING

MEN'S 500M (Sunday): 1, J-U Mey (EG), 36.45sec (world record); 2, J Yisang (Nkor), 36.79; 3, A Karolev (Japan), 36.77; 4, S Fotichev (USSR), 36.82; 5, K Bas (S Kor), 36.90; 6, I Zhelezovsky (USSR), 36.94; 7, G Thibault (Can), 36.96; 8, N Thometz (US), 37.16; 9, Y Kinshkina (Japan), 37.25; 10, F Roaning (Nor), 37.31.

TELEVISION TIMES

BBC1: 12-1 p.m. Winter Olympics Report: Ice Hockey: Soviet Union v Austria. Skiing: Downhill section of the men's combined event.
BBC2: 3-3.50 p.m. Winter Olympics Match of the Day: Ice Hockey: Norway v West Germany, Soviet Union v Austria, United States v Czechoslovakia.
BBC2: 5.30-7.30 p.m. Winter Olympics Grandstand: Ice Hockey: Sweden v Poland. Luge: Women's event. Skiing: Downhill section of the men's combined event.
BBC2: 11.35 p.m.-12.10 a.m. Winter Olympics Report: Today's highlights.

TODAY'S EVENTS

(All times are GMT)
ICE HOCKEY: Olympic Saddledome: Sweden v Poland (5 p.m.); Canada v Switzerland (9 p.m.). Stampede Corral: Finland v France (1.15 a.m. Wednesday)
ICE SKATING: Olympic Saddledome: Pairs free skating (1 a.m. Wednesday)
LUGE: Canada Olympic Park: Women's singles, first and second runs (5 p.m.)
SKIING: Nakiska: Men's slalom combined (5.30 p.m.)
CURLING (demonstration): Max Bell Arena: Round robin (3.30 p.m.)

LUGE

MEN'S SINGLES (Sunday, first and second runs,): 1, J Muller (EG), 1min 32.745sec (49.361sec + 46.444); 2, G Hackl (WG), 1:32.908 (46.355 + 46.553); 3, Y Kanchankov (USSR), 1:32.986 (46.391 + 46.605); 4, T Jacob (EG), 1:33.084 (46.428 + 46.639); 5, M Prock (Austria), 1:33.269 (46.537 + 46.632); 6, M Walter (EG), 1:33.332; 7, S Danilin (USSR), 1:33.391; 8, H Ratti (It), 1:33.567; 9, J Schettel (WG), 1:33.653; 10, P Hilgartner (It), 1:33.698. British placings: 25, M Nicol, 1:35.380; 29, N Ovett, 1:36.30. 31, S Brisley, 1:36.376.

ICE SKATING

PAIRS (Sunday, short programme): 1, Y Gordeyeva and S Grinkov (USSR), 0.4 placements; 2, Y Valova and O Vasiliyev (USSR), 0.8; 3, J Watson and P Oppegard (US), 1.2; 4, G Wachsman and T Waggoner (US), 1.6; 5, D Benning and L Johnston (Can), 2.0; 6, L Salesneva and O Makarow (USSR), 2.4; 7, I Brasseur and L Eisler (Can), 2.8; 8, C Hough and D Ladret (Can), 3.2; 9, L Knapowa and R Novotny (Cz), 3.6; 10, N Seybold and W Seybold (US), 4.0. British placings: 12, C Peake and A Naylor, 4.8; 14, L and N Cushley, 5.6.

MEDALS TABLE

(After Sunday's programme)

	G	S	B	Tot
USSR	1	1	0	2
Finland	1	0	1	2
East Germany	1	0	0	1
Czechoslovakia	0	1	1	2
Netherlands	0	1	0	1
Japan	0	0	1	1

KEY TO COUNTRIES

And: Andorra. Arg: Argentina. Aus: Australia. Bel: Belgium. Bol: Bolivia. Bul: Bulgaria. Can: Canada. Col: Colombia. C Rica: Costa Rica. Cyp: Cyprus. Cz: Czechoslovakia. Den: Denmark. EG: East Germany. Fin: Finland. Fr: France. GB: Britain. Gr: Greece. Guat: Guatemala. Hun: Hungary. Ice: Iceland. It: Italy. Jam: Jamaica. Leb: Lebanon. Liech: Liechtenstein. Lux: Luxembourg. Mex: Mexico. Mon: Monaco. Mong: Mongolia. Mor: Morocco. Neth: Netherlands. Neth Ant: Netherlands Antilles. N Kor: North Korea. Nor: Norway. NZ: New Zealand. Phil: Philippines. Pol: Poland. Por: Portugal. P Rico: Puerto Rico. Rom: Romania. S Kor: South Korea. S Mar: San Marino. Sp: Spain. Swe: Sweden. Switz: Switzerland. Tai: Taiwan. Tur: Turkey. US: United States. USSR: Soviet Union. V Isl: Virgin Islands. WG: West Germany. Yug: Yugoslavia.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbühel	25	115	fair	varied	poor	fine	1
Good skiing at pass Thurn							
Obergurgl	70	190	good	crust	good	sun	5
Excellent snow everywhere							
FRANCE							
Flaine	150	280	good	heavy	good	fine	1
Good skiing everywhere							
Tignes	190	250	good	varied	good	fine	4
Excellent skiing everywhere							
Val Thorens	140	190	good	powder	good	fine	3
Excellent skiing everywhere							
SWITZERLAND							
Crans Montana	100	190	fair	varied	fair	fine	7
Some worn patches appearing							
Gstaad	50	100	good	varied	good	sun	2
Excellent skiing everywhere							
Klosters	70	160	good	crust	good	fine	-0
Excellent skiing everywhere							
St Moritz	90	150	good	spring	good	fine	1
Excellent skiing conditions							
Wengen	40	90	good	varied	good	sun	-2
Good skiing conditions							
Zermatt	70	130	good	varied	fair	fine	5
Skiing good above 2,000m							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

SWITZERLAND	L	U
Adelboden	50	80
Andermatt	70	170
Arosa	90	150
Champéry	125	225
Davos	70	160
Engelberg	30	150
Grindelwald	40	100
Laax-Flims	45	130
Les Diablerets	50	150
Leysin	80	200
Mürren	90	110
Pontresina	55	200
Saas Fee	80	200
Verbier	60	240
Villars	80	170

Information supplied by the Swiss National Tourist Office.

YUGOSLAVIA	L	U
Kopaonik	30	90
Kranjskagora	30	70
Lake Bohinj	—	195
Sarajevo	20	40

Information supplied by the Yugoslav National Tourist Office.

SCOTLAND

Cairngorm: upper runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, surface icy; middle and lower runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, hard packed snow; vertical runs, 2,000ft; snow level, 1,000ft; hill and main roads, clear. Glenshee: upper and middle runs, runs complete, wet snow on a firm base; lower slopes, ample runway passes, wet snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 1,500ft; snow level, 1,200ft; hill and main roads, clear. Glencoe: upper runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, new snow on a firm base; lower slopes, runs complete, wide snow cover, wet snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 2,000ft; snow level, 1,200ft; hill and main roads, clear. Lecht: upper, middle and lower runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, wet snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 700ft; snow level, 2,000ft; hill and main roads, clear. Forecast for today: mainly dry with sunny periods; scattered snow showers at Glencoe, dying out later; moderate or fresh westerly wind; freezing level, 1,500ft. Outlook for tomorrow: dry with sunny periods; light winds.

Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

GHENT: International indoor meeting (winners and British times): Men: 1, D Kirton (GB), 8.72sec; 2, E Obeng (GB), 8.73. 200m: 1, D Reid (GB), 21.24sec; 2, S Eden (GB), 22.10. 400m: 1, I Delrue (Bel), 47.15sec; 2, M Thomas (GB), 47.48; 4, K Benson (GB), 47.81. 800m: 1, A Hulst (Ger), 1min 48.6sec; 2, I Sily (GB), 1:49.0, 1,500m: 1, R Druppers (Neth), 3min 45.17sec; 2, D Sharpe (GB), 3:45.58; 3, M Hick (GB), 3:46.70. 3,000m: 1, M Hawkins (GB), 7min 58.97sec; 2, J Rotson (GB), 7:58.34. Nine hurdles: 1, J Rokpeon (GB), 7.69sec; 2, S Buckeridge (GB), 7.82. High jump: 1, D Grant (GB), 2.24m; 3, P Mc Donnell (GB), 2.15. Pole vault: 1, D Ladgen (Bel), 5.30m; 2, A Ashurst (GB), 5.20; 4, K Stock (GB), 5.00. Long jump: 1, E Maillard (Nkor), 7.96m; 3, J Sheppard (GB), 7.52; 6, M Forsythe (GB), 7.11. Triple jump: 1, J Herbert (GB), 16.56m; 3, F Agyepong (GB), 15.88. Shot: 1, P Edwards (GB), 16.82m; 2, M Stason (GB), 16.59. 4 x 200m relay: 1, Great Britain, 1min 27.12sec. Teams: 1, Great Britain, 119pts; 2, Belgium, 73; 3, The Netherlands, 70.
Women: 60m: 1, E Vader (Neth), 7.34sec; 2, J Harman (GB), 7.44; 4, S Douglas (GB), 7.59sec; 1, M Marinoti (Neth), 24.12sec; 4, W Addison (GB), 24.52; 5, R Kirby (GB), 24.55. 400m: 1, A Piggford (GB), 54.85sec; 2, S Gulze (GB), 55.16. 800m: 1, J Bell (GB), 2min 02.8sec; 2, D Gandy (GB), 2:02.7. 1,500m: 1, C Todesta (Neth), 4:13.79; 2, L Macintyre (GB), 4:15.89; 3, B Nicholson (GB), 4:22.86. 3,000m: 1, A-M Richards (GB), 9min 15.04sec; 3, K Carter (GB), 9:17.16. 60m hurdles: 1, M Olijslager (Neth), 8.18sec; 3, K Robin-Hillenship (GB), 8.28; 5, K Hooper (GB), 8.96. High jump: 1, D Davis (GB), 1.88m; 2, D McDonald (GB), 1.85. Long jump: 1, J Hooper (GB), 6.22. Shot: 1, J Oakes (GB), 18.74m; 3, T Hanson-Norley (GB), 15.70. 4 x 200m relay: 1, Belgium; 2, Great Britain. Teams: 1, Great Britain, 96pts; 2, The Netherlands, 75; 3, Belgium, 48.

BILLIARDS

LEEDS: Yorkshire Bank Professional tournament: First round: M Ferriera (India) bt M Widman (Engl), 4-3; M Russell (Eng) bt R Voldvari (Aus), 4-2. Quarter-finals: N Dagley bt B Close, 4-1; R Edmonds bt G Thompson, 4-2.

GOLF

HONOLULU Hawaiian Open: Final round (US unless stated): 272: L Watkins, 68, 71, 66, 66. 272: R Zokol (Can), 66, 71, 65, 70. 274: J Huston, 72, 67, 69, 66. 275: G Sauers, 71, 68, 67, 69. 276: F Allen (SA), 69, 69, 68, 70. 277: R Fastwood, 69, 69, 73, 66; J Carter, 69, 68, 71, 69; T Watson, 69, 70, 66, 72; L Roberts, 68, 66, 70, 73.
SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, G Norman (Aus), 1,223pts; 2, S Ballesteros (Sp), 1,165pts; 3, B Langer (WG), 1067; 4, S Lyle (GB), 999; 5, C Strange (US), 918; 6, I Woosnam (GB), 858; 7, L Watkins (US), 713; 8, P Stewart (US), 698; 9, B Crenshaw (US), 674; 10, N Faldo (GB), 641.
PGA LEADING MONEY WINNERS (US unless stated): 1, J Haas, $191,131; 2, S Lyle (GB), $145,676; 3, R Tway, $143,600; 4, S Jones, $129,434; 5, L Watkins, $123,343; 6, S Pate $112,898; 7, D Edwards, $109,430; 8, F Couples, $99,457; 9, R Zokol, $86,158; 10, J Carter, $84,536.

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): New Jersey Nets 108, Philadelphia 76ers 105; Los Angeles Lakers 115, Boston Celtics 109; Houston Rockets 115, Portland Trail Blazers 103; Denver Nuggets 107, Utah Jazz 93; Dallas Mavericks 110, Los Angeles Clippers 100.
NATWEST TROPHY: MIM Livingston 95, Leicester 90.
CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: Boston and Bury 112, Oldham 80; Hemel/Watford 92, Solent 110; Manchester United 93, Birmingham 86; Derby 74, Sunderland 73; Calderdale 112, BCP London 70; Kingston 82, Calderdale 83.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston Celtics	34	15	.694	—
Philadelphia 76ers	21	25	.457	11½
Washington Bullets	18	27	.400	14
New York Knicks	17	29	.370	15½
New Jersey Nets	12	36	.250	21½

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta Hawks	32	15	.667	—
Detroit Pistons	29	16	.644	1½
Chicago Bulls	28	21	.571	4½
Indiana Pacers	25	22	.532	6
Milwaukee Bucks	23	22	.511	7
Cleveland Cavaliers	23	24	.510	7½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas Mavericks	30	17	.638	—
Houston Rockets	28	18	.609	1½
Denver Nuggets	28	19	.595	2
Utah Jazz	23	24	.489	7
San Antonio Spurs	18	26	.409	10½
Sacramento Kings	15	31	.326	14½

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles Lakers	36	9	.809	—
Portland Trail Blazers	28	18	.609	9½
Seattle SuperSonics	26	22	.542	12½
Phoenix Suns	15	31	.326	22½
Golden State Warriors	12	33	.267	25
Los Angeles Clippers	11	35	.239	26½

TENNIS

MILAN: Italian International indoor tournament: First round: A Antonitsch (Austria) bt J Chuk (Czech), 6-1, 6-4; M Sniper (Czech) bt C Bergstrom (Swe), 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; M Scrapers (Neth) bt E Sanchez (Sp), 7-5, 6-3.
TELFORD: LTA men's indoor satellite tournament: First round: J Bates (GB) bt G Roper (Can), 7-6, 6-1; S Bonsseau (Can) bt B Pepsit (US), 7-6, 7-6; P Pettson (Dan) bt B Man-Son-Hing (US), 6-2, 6-2. R Whitehead (GB) bt C Wilkinson (GB), 6-0, 6-2; D Siegelord (GB) bt S Matsuoka (Jap), 6-2, 7-6; O Rahnasto (Fin) bt R Kok (Neth), 4-6, 7-5, 6-1; J Barnard (US) bt F Mackie (GB), 6-2, 6-3; M Ozer (US) bt T Zimmerman (Ger), 7-6, 6-2.

HANDBALL

MIDLANDS CUP: Men: Quarter-final: Droitwich Wasps 14, Garmin Tornadoes 20.
BRITISH LEAGUE: Women: Halewood Town Ladies 18, Manchester United SSS 9; Tryst Ladies 11, EK'62 10.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): New York Rangers 4, New York Islanders 4; Washington Capitals 5, Calgary Flames 4; Chicago Black Hawks 4, Buffalo Sabres 3; New Jersey Devils 7, Toronto Maple Leafs 2; Edmonton Oilers 7, Vancouver Canucks 6; Winnipeg Jets 3, Quebec Nordiques 2.

WALES CONFERENCE

Patrick Division	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
Phila Flyers	28	22	6	62	192	194
Wash'tn Caps	27	25	5	60	196	181
Pittsburgh Pens	25	24	9	59	225	228
NY Islanders	26	23	7	59	218	204
NJ Devils	26	28	5	57	205	224
NY Rangers	22	27	8	52	218	210

Adams League	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
Boston Bruins	34	20	5	73	228	187
Montreal Canad	30	19	10	70	217	190
Buffalo Sabres	25	24	9	59	199	222
Hartford Whalers	24	25	7	55	174	181
Quebec Nords	23	29	4	50	200	212

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

Norris Division	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
Detroit R Wings	28	20	8	64	224	190
St Louis Blues	26	25	5	57	193	190
Chicago Hawks	24	29	5	53	205	234
Minnesota Stars	16	33	9	41	177	242
Toronto M Leafs	17	33	9	59	214	206

Smythe Division	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
Calgary Flames	34	18	6	74	279	218
Edmonton Oilers	32	19	7	71	282	217
Winnipeg Jets	25	22	9	59	214	209
LA Kings	21	24	5	47	226	267
Vanc Canucks	19	33	7	45	206	232

HANG-GLIDING

VICTORIA ALPS (Australia): World championships: Final positions: 1, R Duncan (Aus), 9,256pts; 2, B Case (US), 8,595; 3, S Moyes (Aus), 8,591; 4, T Boyce (US), 8,404; 5, B Goldsmith (US), 8,403. British placings: 9, J Peedy, 6,212; 17, M Carter, 5,040; 23, J Flynn, 7,402. Teams: 1, Australia, 34,085pts; 2, United States, 33,020; 3, Great Britain, 31,655.

HOCKEY

COUNTY MATCHES: Derbyshire 0, Yorkshire 6; Derbyshire U/21 0, Yorkshire U/21 9; Cheshire 3, Staffordshire 0; Cheshire U/21 5, Staffordshire U/21 3.
CRYSTAL PALACE: National women's indoor championships: Counties: Buckinghamshire 5, Gloucestershire 1; Lancashire 2, Buckinghamshire 2; Essex 3, Avon 2; Gloucestershire 2, Lancashire 0; Devon 0, Warwickshire 2; Warwickshire 4, Essex 0; Gloucestershire 4, Avon 2. Semi-finals: Lancashire 3, Warwickshire 2; Essex 7, Buckinghamshire 2. Final: Essex 3, Lancashire 3 (Lancashire won 3-1 on pens). Schools: Pool A: King Edward VII 2, Maynard G; Highgrove 4, Whitehaven 1; Maynard G, Armthorpe 3. Pool B: St Julie's 1, Glordano G; Bromsgrove 0, Tabor 5; Gordano 4, Newlands 3. Semi-finals: Armthorpe 2, Newlands 2 (Newlands won 4-2 on pens); Tabor 2, King Edward VII 3. Final: King Edward VII 1, Newlands 2.

RUGBY UNION

LEICESTERSHIRE CUP: Semi-final: Stoneygate 7, Aylestone St James 6.
ULSTER SENIOR LEAGUE: Section One: Malone 10, Ards 3; Instonians 28, Collegians 0; Bangor v CYMS, postponed. Section Two: Academy 4, Portadown 8; City of Derry 9, Dungannon 3; NIFC v Armagh, postponed.
CLUB MATCHES: Ballymena 40, Penrhyn College 8; Rosslyn Park 15, Maesteg 7.
LEINSTER SENIOR LEAGUE: Section A: Lansdowne 16, St Mary's College 9; Blackrock College 16, Wanderers 18; Dublin University 10, Old Wesley 8. Section B: Bective Rangers 19, Old Belvedere 0; Clontarf 4, Monkstown 16.
DUDLEY CUP: Queen's University 8, University College, Dublin 16.
MUNSTER SENIOR LEAGUE: Final: Shannon 3, Constitution 15.
MIDDLESEX CUP: Semi-final: Old Merchant Taylors 20, Old Abbotsonians 7; Finchley 28, Hackney 0.
CROSSBANK KENT CUP: Quarter-final: Old Colfeians 4, Old Judoians 19.
BUCKS COUNTY CUP: Semi-final: Bletchley 3, Marlow 10.
CORNWALL LEAGUE: First division: Wadebridge Camels 16, St Agnes 3.
SURREY COLTS CUP: Second round: Wimbledon 20, Guildford and Godalming 7.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Abbot Beyne 19, Queen Mary's Walsall 0; Chichester HS 37, Ardingley 3; Judd 22, Dartford GS 3; King's Macclesfield 25, St Edward's (Liverpool 0. Bethany 14, Lancing 4; Eltham 8, Guildford RGS 0; Emanuel 11, Hampton 6; Gravesend GS 7, Maidstone GS 7; John Fisher 8, Wallington HS 20; London Oratory 17, St Joseph's Ipswich 16.

SNOOKER

MATCHROOM LEAGUE: Leamington City: J White (Eng) bt A Meo (Engl), 5-3. Newry: N Foulds (Eng) bt C Thorburn (Can), 5-3; T Griffiths (Wal) bt D Taylor (N Ire), 5-3. Antrim: Thorburn drew with Griffiths, 4-4; S Davis (Eng) bt Foulds, 5-3. Halstead: W Thorne (Eng) bt J Johnson (Eng), 5-3. Leading positions: 1, White, played 2, 2pts; 2, Thorburn, 3, 4; 3, Griffiths, 3, 4; 4, Davis, 2, 4; 5, Foulds, 3, 3.
EDINBURGH: Scottish Professional championship: S Hendry (Edinburgh) bt M McLeod (Livingston), 10-4. Frame scores (hendry first): 57-36, 73-40, 77-50, 50-44, 80-32, 58-60, 23-58, 108-17, 24-78, 20-72, 79-22, 106-0, 67-33, 52-8.

SHOOTING

LONDON UNIVERSITIES SMALLBORE MATCHES: Hewlett Cup: 1, Oxford, 1542 (J Lane 196); 2, Cambridge, 1536 (J Pack 195). Women: 1, Cambridge, 738 (J Ouston 197); 2, Oxford, 695 (S Comiat 187).

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: In Melbourne: Victoria 403 and 212 for 5 declared (J Siddons 139). New South Wales 279 and 206 for 5 (Mark Waugh 100 n.o.). Match drawn. Overall positions: 1, Queensland, played 8, 32pts; 2, Western Australia, 8, 32; 3, South Australia, 7, 14; 4, Victoria, 8, 14; 5, New South Wales, 8, 12; 6, Tasmania, 7, 0.

JUDO

Adams can take heart from Paris

By Nicolas Soames

If a British men's team competed in the Tournoi de Paris three years ago without Neil Adams and yet returned with two bronze medals, it would have been regarded as satisfactory. It is one of the toughest of the international invitation events, although it comes early in the competitive year.

And it says much for the present standings of the top men that even though the Olympic lightweight bronze medal winner, Kerrith Brown, and the middleweight, Ray Stevens, who was deputizing for the European silver medal winner, Deusign White, both showed good form against world-class opposition, they felt they did not do themselves justice.

As for the disastrous performance by the world open weight silver medal winner, Elvis Gordon, he is philosophical. "After doing well in two major competitions, it is too easy to get too cocky — and this has taught me never to underestimate anyone

But what was also interesting was the result of the light middleweight category — Adams's weight. The allure of the Olympics always brings a number of older players out of retirement but it is never an easy task, as was seen in Paris. The South Koreans, desperately worried by poor results over the past six months, persuaded their Olympic and world lightweight champion, Byeong-Keun Ahn, to return. Against his better judgement, he agreed, but only at under- 78kg.

He had a perfect start. In his first fight, he encountered the Olympic champion, Frank Wieneke, of West Germany, and held him down for ippon. In the second round however, Ahn was despatched by Pascal Tayot, and then, in the repechage, by Yoshiyuki Takanami. The final was contested by two Frenchman, Jean-Michel Berthet and the

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Zurbriggen and Bell produce race of their lives

From David Miller, Calgary

Pirmin Zurbriggen yesterday joined the legendary Franz Klammer as winner of a gruelling, memorable Olympic downhill. Before yesterday, Zurbriggen had almost everything that skiing could provide, not to say a personal fortune. The Olympic gold medal seals his reputation as one of, if not the greatest of all-time skiers.

Like Klammer in 1976, Zurbriggen had had to wait while most of the field of foremost runners went down ahead of him. The start draw had placed him fourteenth. Peter Mueller, the world champion and the man regarded by Ken Read, the course designer, as favourite on these ferocious upper slopes, had gone first and set an exceptional time. The next 13 runners, pounded by the twisting, rutted and icy turns of that 75° slope at the top of Mount Allan, had not come within 1.5sec of Mueller's 2min 0.14sec.

Yet Zurbriggen, the mostly silent and expressionless boy from the mountain village of Saas-Almagell in the next valley from Zermatt, produced the performance of a lifetime to beat Mueller by just over 0.5sec. He threw his skis in the air at the finish and cast his eyes heavenwards.

And there was to follow a wonderful run from Martin Bell to take eighth position, the best performance in the Olympic Games by a Briton and a personal best placing for him in a major downhill event. No wonder he punched the air in joy for almost a minute. There was no doubting now who was the genuine hero of the British team at these Winter Games.

After Sunday's postponement, the conditions were still imperfect. As the racers assembled at the start beforehand there was a blustery snow fall, but the wind yesterday had dropped from 100kph to 7kph. Up at the top it was -7 C° but barely freezing down at the bottom where a 20,000 crowd were pacing in expectation.

Since breakfast time they had laboured along the Kananaskis Valley in a fleet of yellow school buses from where they were obliged to park their cars 20 miles distant on the Trans-Canada Highway. It was worth the effort, even if, sadly for local enthusiasts, the Canadians had a poor day. "Boy oh Boyd" proclaimed a placard at the bottom, but this was not the Canadian favourite's day.

Mueller, face tense, pale blue eyes staring down the mountainside and excluding every thought in the world beyond the next two minutes, attacked the course fearlessly. There are few demands in sport, physically and mentally, such as the coordination required on a downhill course such as this and Mueller was its master yesterday.

His turns were tight and controlled, his head and shoulders crouched always forward, never a sense of hesitation as his body moulded into one curve after another. When he turned to see his time at the finish, only fractionally slower than that with which he had led the fifth training run, he looked confident.

Pie, of France, was next and over four seconds slower, Mahrer, of Switzerland three seconds behind. Mair (Italy) and Stemmle (Canada) both lost control early on and were out of the race Heinzer, Boyd and Girardelli could make no impact. Stock, of Austria, the winner in 1980, the twelfth man down, was nearest to Mueller but not close.

Now came Zurbriggen. His line was perfect his poise without tremor, his concentration absolute. With the interval time for the critical top section flashed on the electronic screen he was already ahead and the battle was over. Mueller was second and Piccard, of France, had taken the bronze.

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Scare on bob run for British No. 1

From Chris Moore, Calgary

A track worker on the Olympic bobsleigh run in Calgary came close to being killed yesterday in a bizarre incident involving Tom De La Hunty, the British two-man champion.

De La Hunty was emerging from the 360° Kreisel into the eleventh bend on his second training run when he saw the worker still in the track ahead of him.

"He would have been dead, and I probably would be too if I had hit him," De La Hunty, a physical training instructor in the RAF, said.

"He just managed to get out of the way in time though his foot was still overhanging the wall as I went past him. Nothing like that has ever happened to me before and I've never felt so frightened in all my life. My heart was pounding all the way down the rest of the run.

"You just don't legislate for something like that happening to you. The guy is lucky to be alive although I've made my feelings very plain to the officials."

It is usual practice for track workers to enter the run after each sledge has gone down to shovel away loose bits of ice; but on this occasion the culprit was evidentally unaware De La Hunty and his brakeman, Alec Leonce, were approaching.

However, despite the scare De Le Hunty still managed to clock the second fastest time of the three British Teams on that run.

Though selected to drive the No. 1 British bob in Saturday's two-man competition, he was under pressure from Nick Phipps, who beat him by four tenths of a second on the first run.



Ready for action: Peter Shilton training yesterday for England's match tomorrow against Israel. Stuart Jones, page 42

END COLUMN

The last hurrah of Butlin Games

From David Miller
Calgary

The XV Winter Olympics are in danger of being swamped by a deluge of show-biz trivia. Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), was yesterday taking urgent action to counter the downhill plunge.

It had rapidly become evident on the first day of competition that the Calgary organizing committee's idea of the Olympics is a winter adaptation of the ya-hoo culture of the summer Stampede. The Greeks must be reeling with the shock.

The first medals ceremony for speed skating and Nordic events in Olympic Plaza became cabaret time. Protocol went out of the window. Not for Calgary the quietly dignified and often emotional aura of the medal ceremonies which were a distinguished moment every evening in the main square in Sarajevo.

Instead, we now had a television spectacular. Local radio was yesterday morning repeatedly referring to Sunday night's ceremony, unwittingly, as "the highlight of the evening". It was like having *EastEnders* scripted into the Trooping of the Colour.

We had speeches from Frank King, chairman of the organizing committee, and Ralf Klein, the mayor. Klein, a former town hall reporter, basically has only one speech: a folksy acknowledgement to humanity. Only the date changes. There were then lasers, fireworks, the inevitable cowgirls and, weirdly, Korean dancing. The Koreans are notable for their elegance, but this was hardly their moment.

The medal winners belatedly staggered forward for their moment of honour after some 40 minutes. Meanwhile, James Worrall, a Canadian IOC member and head of protocol, stood smiling contemptibly on the sideline. Samaranch was not amused.

Over to the Saddledome. Here, at the ice hockey, we now have music to indicate



Mrs Besse: suitable Muzak

when we should cheer. We are, sadly, accustomed at home to television directors patronizingly supposing that we will not look at result tables or goal-scoring reviews unless they are childishly accompanied by background music. But this is Calgary is ridiculous.

I have nothing against Irene Besse, a nice lady who runs a music shop in town and for 15 years has provided the melodic prompting at National Hockey League matches in Calgary. In NHL razzmatazz, they like that sort of thing. She sits in the gallery at an electronic organ console and, whenever there is a "goal", a "penalty" or a spectacular "save", she provides suitable accompanying Muzak, like the pianist at old silent movies.

It is as though Canadian adults were not mature enough to know for themselves when to cheer. A television screen simultaneously invites them to "stomp" or "applaud". Dutifully they do. I'm not sure what de Coubertin would have said about character formation.

Mrs Besse says that she tries to be impartial between teams, which is kind of her, in her snatched renderings of *When the Saints . . . , Scotland The Brave*, and a selection of 500 other pop melodies.

All that is missing are the cheer-leaders. The commendable Corinthian gesture of all players from both teams lining up to shake hands at the finish has been rather swamped by the Butlinians.

The Canadians have much to learn. At the ski jumping they were busy announcing over the public address system to an audience of thousands precisely which competitors were required for drug-testing. At many of the stadiums, allocated Press seats have been handed over to paying spectators. Beneath the surface, for all the goodwill, there is a profusion of mismanagement which the organizing committee might have avoided if they had studied a little more carefully the form at previous Games.

St Helens and Hull best served by draw

By Keith Macklin

The perversities of the draw last night ensured that yet another of the favourites must disappear when the quarter-finals of the Silk Cut Rugby League Challenge Cup take place during the weekend after next. Wigan and Widnes were drawn together at Central Park and, with one of them sure to bow out of the competition, the bubbling confidence of the St Helens coach, Alex Murphy, seems even more justified.

Murphy is convinced that this will be the year for St Helens after last season's near miss against Halifax in the Wembley final and while he would have preferred a home tie in the quarter-finals Murphy is confident that his in-form side can dispose of the challenge of Salford at The Willows.

Halifax, the holders, travel to face Hull Kingston Rovers, who had a fright against Featherstone Rovers on Sunday. Two or three seasons ago this would have seemed an almost insurmountable hurdle for Halifax, but Rovers are struggling on and off the field and the holders must feel that they have a reasonable chance of breaking through to the semi-finals.

Hull, the other Humberside club, received the tie everybody wanted with a home game against the sole-surviving second division club, Doncaster. For the second consecutive round both Hull clubs have home ties, with the problem of split gates, but this will not worry the coaches and management at Craven Park and The Boulevard, who know that home advantage is a priceless asset at this stage.

There is no doubt that the Wigan v Widnes tie is another of the pairings that could have filled Wembley, with Wigan showing spectacular form in demolishing Leeds on Sunday, and Widnes leading the first division by eight points. Both clubs have Wembley traditions and are capable of taking between 20,000 and 30,000 supporters to the final, and Rugby League officials must have wrung their hands at the prospect of another Wembley filler falling by the wayside.

While Wigan proved against Leeds that they can produce brilliant attacking performances even without the injured Bell, Gill and Lydon, and particularly without the disciplined Hanley, Widnes have yet to convince their followers that they are the right material for championship and cup winning. They will obviously miss the Australian international, Dale Shearer, who has been in outstanding form, and was the key figure as Widnes struggled to an unconvincing victory against lowly Keighley on Sunday.

Nevertheless, Widnes always rise to the occasion at home.

Quarter-final draw

Salford v St Helens
Hull Kingston Rovers v Halifax
Wigan v Widnes
Hull v Doncaster
(Ties to be played on February 27 or February 28.)

Moseley face holders in quarter-final repeat

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Bath, the holders of the John Player Special Cup, were drawn yesterday to play Moseley in the quarter-finals of this year's competition, just as they were last year. This time, however, it is Moseley who will have home advantage on February 27, allied to memories of the 12-3 defeat a year ago which, in other circumstances, could have been a win.

Metcalfe, Moseley's captain and full back then, could only shake his head afterwards at his own failure to convert half a dozen penalty chances into points: but the Moseley forwards were outstanding in the Bath mud and it is in the pack that their main strength still lies. Neutrals can only hope that the ugly side of the game, which was apparent both in the cup match last year and in the league meeting between the clubs in September, will be banished at the third time of asking.

John Burgess, president of the Rugby Football Union, who made the draw, did Plymouth Albion a favour by giving them a home tie with Wasps. "We're delighted," Wally Foster, the Plymouth secretary, said. His club is the only non-first division side left in the competition and the opportunity to impress London clubs — who pay such infrequent visits to Devon — is not tobe sneezed at.

Wasps, to be fair, played at Beacon Park last Easter on a very hard playing surface, which Don Wills, their president, does not expect to be repeated. Nor can they be accused of not visiting far-flung parts of the country: their first entry into the cup was at Aspria and they were in Gloucester last weekend.

Plymouth, of the third division, have already disposed of two second division clubs, Northampton and Saracens, on their way to the quarter-finals, which they have never reached before. Wasps are optimistic that O'Leary, their Plymouth-born England B lock, will have recovered from a broken bone in the hand in time to justify selection.

The other two matches bring Waterloo to the Stoop Memorial ground to play Harlequins, while Bristol travel to Sale. Harlequins and Waterloo are due to meet on March 12 in a first division fixture anyway and consideration is being given to making the cup game count for league points too, just as Gloucester and Wasps agreed for last Saturday's game.

Waterloo will almost certainly still be without Syddall, their captain, whose sending-off at Coventry earlier this month is due to come before the Lancashire disciplinary committee on February 25. Harlequins, for their part, will hope that Cramb, their stand-off half, will be available after injury forced him to withdraw from Scotland's side to play Wales at the weekend. He is having treatment this week for knee and ankle ligament damage sustained at Berry Hill and there is some optimism that he may have recovered in time.

Bristol will be hoping that the fates grant them a cup final in their centenary season and, so far, the draw has helped them avoid the favoured cup teams. Sale's morale will have been lifted by getting this far at the expense of London Irish and Coventry and they will have home advantage

Quarter-final draw

Moseley v Bath
Sale v Bristol
Plymouth Albion v Wasps
Harlequins v Waterloo
(Ties to be played on February 27)

Chelsea dismiss Walley

By Dennis Signy

Ernie Walley, No. 2 to John Hollins since June 1985, yesterday became a casualty of Chelsea's depressing season when the board of directors reacted to a run of 15 League games without a win by dispensing with his services.

Hollins, the manager, is understood not to be in agreement with the decision to dismiss Walley and is awaiting the announcement of the successor the board might have in mind before finalizing his thoughts on his own future. While Ken Bates, the chairman, has backed Hollins through thick and thin in the face of calls for his dismissal these past two seasons, the feeling now is that Chelsea need the support of a respected and experienced coach who can remotivate the players and help restore the club's much-maligned image.

The decision to dismiss Walley is understood to have been taken by Bates and his colleagues after Saturday's 2-1 defeat by Manchester United, Chelsea's first loss at Stamford Bridge since last April.

"Chelsea has by mutual consent dispensed with the services of first-team coach Ernie Walley. A new appointment will be announced shortly. The board would like to thank Mr Walley for his efforts during his employ and wish him every success for the future," a club statement read.

With Bates out of the country for three weeks on business and Walley unavailable, Hollins still declined to comment on the dismissal of the Caernarvon-born coach who brought a sergeant-major image to Stamford Bridge.

There have been renewed calls for Hollins's dismissal from the crowd this season and relationships between the club and the media are at a low level. While Hollins, whose contract ends this year, has always insisted he would not resign, he might feel the decision to dismiss a coach he appointed and have a appointee made by the board tests his principles.

The Hollins-Walley era has at times been turbulent, but Bates has always withstood pressure and has backed his manager and coach against dissenting players and provided the cash for newcomers. Hollins has spent £2.8 million on players such as Hazard, Durie, McNaught, Wegerle, Wicks, Clarke, Freestone, Dorigo and the two Wilsons, Clive and Kevin; he has recouped £1.7 million on 18 sales, including Speedie to Coventry City for £750,000 and Spackman to Liverpool for £400,000.

Walley, aged 54, was a wing half with Tottenham Hotspur and Middlesbrough in the 1950s but was restricted to only 13 League games. He was on the coaching staff at Crystal Palace and was briefly the manager following the departure of Terry Venables to Queen's Park Rangers and the arrival of Malcolm Allison. He was unemployed when Hollins took him to Stamford Bridge. Walley's brother Tom is a coach at Watford.

● Steve Walsh, the Leicester City central defender, is to have tests to sort out the cause of cramp in his calf muscles and a loss of feeling in his foot.

● Graham Turner, the Wolverahampton Wanderers manager, has had talks with Steve Bull, the League's leading marksman with 35 goals this season, in the hopes of persuading him to stay at Molineux.

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Mansell is back on the fast track

Jerez (Reuter) — Nigel Mansell, of Britain, returned to the motor-racing track on Monday for the first time since he crashed last October during practice for the Japanese Grand Prix, and immediately set the fastest time in the Williams team test session.

"I think it is 108 days since I was in a Formula One car and I feel reasonably OK," Mansell said. "I have just a few aches and pains. I have worked very hard on my fitness in Austria and at home on the Isle of Man and by the first race in Rio de Janiero at Easter I hope to be fitter than ever before."

Mansell's absence from the Japanese race cost him any chance of the world drivers' crown.

The first race of the 1988 season is in Rio on April 3.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Morgan contract

Ian Doyle, the Scottish businessman who manages Stephen Hendry, the teenage snooker player, yesterday added a fourth member to his stable — Darren Morgan, of Wales, the world amateur champion.

Morgan, aged 21, signed a two-year contract with a five-year option and joins Hendry, Mike Hallett, of England, and Jim Donnelly, of Scotland.

Platt appeal

Andy Platt, the St Helens forward, who was suspended for four Rugby League matches last week after being sent off against Leigh, yesterday had an appeal against the decision rejected at a special hearing in Leeds.

New secretary

Lt Col Peter Packham is to be Middlesex County Cricket Club's new secretary.

McGirt bout

Corpus Christi (Reuter) — James McGirt defeated a fellow-American, Frankie Warren, to win the International Boxing Federation junior-welterweight title on Sunday when the referee stopped the fight in the twelfth round of a scheduled 15-round bout.



Imran Khan: late arrival

Flying back

Sussex have been told by Imran Khan that he will be reporting for the new season on May 1 at the conclusion of Pakistan's tour of the West Indies. Imran will miss the first two of Sussex's Benson and Hedges Cup matches and the first Refuge Assurance League match.

Venue change

The Benson and Hedges Cup cricket tie between Minor Counties and Worcestershire, which should have been played at Swindon on May 3, will now take place at Old Hill, near Birmingham.

Closing in

Featherstone Rovers are two short of equalling the club record of 11 successive Rugby League victories. The record was set in Featherstone's previous second division spell in 1979-80 when they won 11 successive matches.

Not so Wise

Dennis Wise, the Wimbledon winger, will be suspended for two games, starting on February 27, after surpassing 21 disciplinary points.

Small profit

Leicestershire County Cricket Club made a profit of £403 last season. It is the nineteenth consecutive year they have shown a surplus.

Boyd may quit

Les Boyd, the Warrington captain, assistant coach and ex-Australian Rugby League international prop, is set to quit after breaking his arm for the second time this season in Saturday's Silk Cut Challenge Cup second round defeat by St Helens. Boyd, who sustained the same injury against Halifax in September said: "It looks likely I'll be out for the rest of the season and if that's the case I'll retire."

Signing hopes

Hull City, of the second division, have made a bid to sign the Republic of Ireland forward, Frank Stapleton, until the end of the season. Hull are to hold further talks with Dutch club, Ajax, about the former Arsenal and Manchester United player.

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